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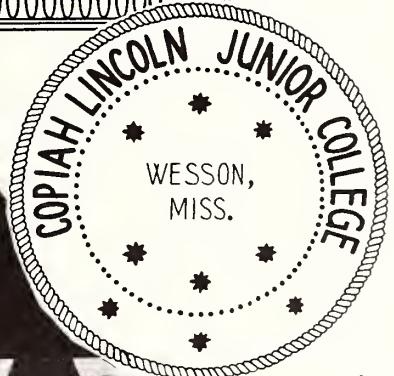
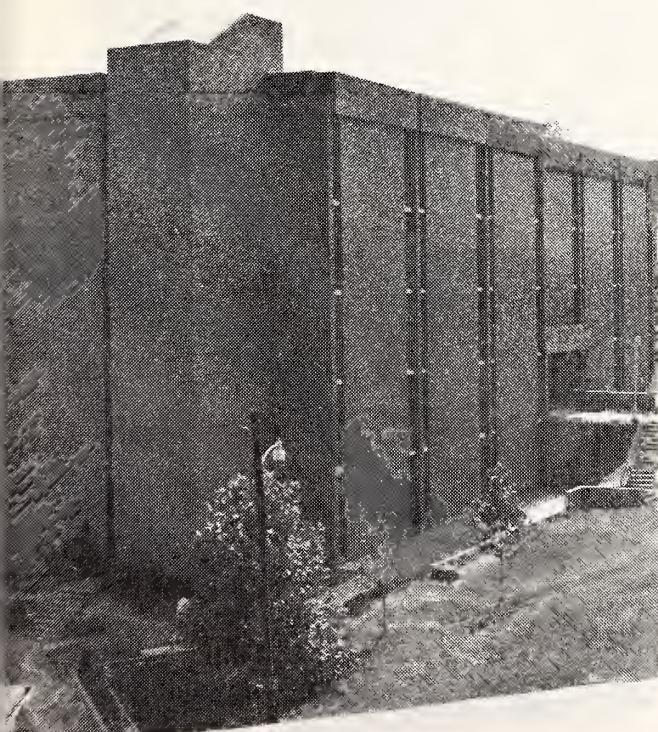
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Wesson-Natchez, Mississippi

"Pop" Allen invites former athletes to homecoming

Many groups will be meeting to recall experiences of the years spent at Copiah-Lincoln and make future plans during the '78 homecoming activities. One group meeting for the first time will be the Copiah-Lincoln Athletic Alumni Association, which was organized March 22, 1978. At the organizational meeting a decision was made to induct several former athletes into the Copiah-Lincoln Sports Hall of Fame during the '78 homecoming, which is the 50th year of junior college status for Copiah-Lincoln. This should be an annual event when former athletes who had a part in the great athletic history of Copiah-Lincoln will be recognized for their athletic achievements.

All former Copiah-Lincoln athletes (male and female) are urged to meet in the Ewing auditorium at 2 p.m. to share in planning future activities for the athletic association. Make plans to be present for the '78 homecoming activities and attend the football game when at half time the first five honorees will be inducted into the Copiah-Lincoln Sports Hall of Fame.

See you at homecoming!

**W. C. "Pop" Allen, President
Copiah-Lincoln Athletic Alumni
Association**

Co-Lin Players remain active



Appearing in the 1961 Co-Lin Players' production of "Tweedles" were Burlian Walker, Jim Miller, and Colleen King.

"50 Years Of Service"

"50 Years of Service" provides a brief glimpse of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College from 1928-1978. In no way did we try to cover all fifty years, but instead an overall look at the past. There are several names of lists in this publication, names you might recall; however, hometowns and other information about those people could not be listed.

My sincere appreciation to those on the publication committee. Without your help, this task could not have been accomplished. My appreciation to Mrs. Keith McDaniel, Mrs. Nancy Dykes, Miss Phyllis Hayes, Miss Joan Harris, Mrs. Wilma Cole, Mrs. Helen Mullen, Mrs. Edna Earle Crews, Durr Walker Jr., Mrs. Sharon Alexander, Miss Jane Ainsworth, Tom Ross, Bruce Irvin, and to Mrs. Anne A. Thames for materials from "Colinian", alumni news magazine.

**Burlian O'Neal Walker
Homecoming publication chairman**

CLJC Golden Anniversary To Be Celebrated During Homecoming

A special celebration commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College is being planned during the school's annual Home-

coming set for October 14, 1978.

Regular activities include the tennis and golf tournaments, the alumni meeting and the alumni banquet, climaxed in Stone Stadium by the Homecoming Football Game. This year the Wolves will meet arch-rival Southwest Mississippi JC from Summit.

Additional activities for this year will include an art exhibit in the Ewing Fine Arts Building, the publication of a special anniversary booklet, and an afternoon program recognizing the decades of 1928-38; 1938-48; 1948-58; 1958-68; and 1968-78.

Program time has tentatively been set for 3 p.m. in Rea Auditorium.

Representing the decades will be: 1928-38, Doris Ball Green, Addie Wilson McNeely and Frank Pitts; 1938-48, Dr. Cecil Randall and Dr. Roland Stevens; 1948-58, James Oliver Allen and a men's octette directed by Mrs. J. M. Ewing. Also, Dr. James Ewing, Jr.; 1958-68, men's quartet (Steve Huey, James Dykes, Don Myers and Charles Owens) directed by Miss Julia Guess, and Thomas Lowery; 1968-78, Randy Grim and Paul Panquerne.

Durr Walker of the Co-Lin faculty is serving as program chairman. Others on this special committee in-

clude Mrs. Maggie Ewing of Clinton and Helen Mullen, Julia Guess and Anne Thames, all of Co-Lin.

Other committee chairmen include Wade Alexander, tournaments; Ken Chapman, retired faculty reception; Roy Daughdrill, displays; Jim Kyzar, finance; Tom Ross, art displays; Anne Thames, reunions and alumni activities; Burlian Walker, publications.

HOMECOMING OCTOBER 14, 1978

8 a.m., Golf and Tennis Tournaments

11-12:30, Cafeteria open for lunch

1-3:00, Reception honoring class of 1928 and Retired Co-Lin Faculty and Staff, President's Home

1-3:00, Band Reunion (all former band members, Colettes, Flag and Rifle Corps), BSU Center

1-3:00, Reunion of Classes of 8's

2-3:00, Organizational meeting for formation of Co-Lin Athletic Alumni Assn., Ewing Fine Arts Building

3:00, Golden Anniversary Program
General Alumni Meeting immediately following program - Ewing Fine Arts Auditorium

5:30, Alumni Banquet, Cafeteria
Recognition of "Alumni of the Year"

7:30, Homecoming Football Game
(Co-Lin and Southwest)

Induction of first individuals selected for the All-Sports Hall of Fame during halftime

October 12-13, Women's Tennis Tournament

Classes of "8's" To Be Honored

Classes to be recognized during Homecoming will include the "8's", with special recognition given to the Class of 1928. Others will include 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968, and 1978.

Also planned is a reception honoring former faculty and staff of Copiah-Lincoln.

Afternoon get-togethers for the classes to be honored will be organized at various places on the campus. Anyone who is a member of one of the special classes is urged to contact the Co-Lin Alumni Office for more information.

Band Reunion Planned At Homecoming

ATTENTION: All former Co-Lin Band Members (Band, Colettes, Rifle & Flag Corps) In celebration of the Golden Anniversary of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, there will be a reunion held in the Co-Lin BSU Building on October 14, 1978, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Registration, refreshments, entertainment, and . . . memories!

For further information, contact the Co-Lin Alumni Office or Carolyn Miller Graham, P. O. Box 115, Wesson, MS 39191.

Messages from College President . . .

In the Fall of 1928, the first year of college work was added to the existing Copiah-Lincoln Agriculture High School. According to the May 17, 1929, issue of **The Lin-Copian**, the school newspaper, ninety-one college students enrolled in the freshman class. More than 300 high school students were also enrolled.

In the Fall of 1978 -- fifty years later -- Copiah-Lincoln Junior College is a comprehensive institution with a branch campus in Adams County. Enrollment for the Fall semester totals 2,143 with 537 registered on the Natchez campus. The high school is in the process of moving to a new plant in 1979. Enrollment in the high school is now 211.

During the last fifty years, Copiah-Lincoln has made many changes. In the process it has served thousands of fine students, who have filled important positions throughout our state and nation. Today, we are happy to welcome you back to the campus. For many of you, it is your first visit since graduation. We hope you will be pleased with what you see and that you will continue to return each year. Let me urge you to join the Alumni Association and become an active participant.

Through the Alumni Association, the alumni are encouraged to assist the growth of the institution. We are in the process of establishing a Foundation to accept both designated and undesignated gifts. Mr. J. C. Redd, a 1932 graduate, has agreed to serve as chairman of the Board of Directors. We encourage you to remember your alma mater as you make your gifts in the future.

Currently, the Board of Trustees has approved plans for a new student center. This building will cost around \$2.3 million when completed and will house a new food service, grill, student service offices and day student facilities. In addition, the current cafeteria and gym will be renovated to handle student activities of all types. The building will be named in memory of Mr. W. S. Henley, who served over fifty

continuous years on the Board of Trustees. Beyond the student center on the Wesson campus, we will be looking at a new learning resource center and dormitories, as soon as money is available.

In Adams County, we look forward in the near future to construction of a new campus on Beltline Road. Over \$500,000 is currently on hand for construction, and we are in hopes that the Legislature will fund our requests during the 1979 session. Construction in Natchez will include classrooms, library, administration building, and vocational facilities.

Your presence here today indicates an interest, and we encourage you to keep in contact with us. If you have questions or suggestions, please let us hear from you.

We hope you will have a good time as you meet old classmates and friends of past years. Let me congratulate those selected as alumni of the year and also those who were chosen to be inducted into the first Sports Hall of Fame.

Thank you so much for believing that our "fiftieth birthday" was important enough to attend. Let me also thank everyone for all the planning and work that it took to make Homecoming 1978 a success.

—Dr. Billy B. Thamess

Alumni President . . .

As we look at the Golden Anniversary Celebration my hope as alumni president is for Copiah-Lincoln Junior College to continue to be a "School with a Future." The cooperation and confidence of all those interested in education need only to be combined toward the goal of educating students, not only academically, but in every area of life. I felt this when I was a student and believe this is important. May the broad influence of the teachers continue to be felt in the lives of the students. The diversity of their training makes a great contribution to the school and the students.

Let us continue to support Dr. Thamess, the faculty and the school and look to the future.

Evelyn Redd

Old campus rules, social life reveal "rigid" early conditions

By Nancy Dykes

The founders of Copiah-Lincoln were stern task-masters when it came to regulating students' behavior and dress, yet they did permit limited, supervised activities. Strong efforts were made to teach obedience, punctuality, manhood and womanhood, and students who were not willing to be controlled were quickly dismissed from the college.

A general rule applying to all students was that boys were required to work on the farm for several hours each week, and girls were required to serve the meals in the dining hall.

To leave the campus, students had to secure permission from parent or guardian. Visiting was certainly discouraged during the early years of the junior college. According to the 1929-30 catalog: "Boarding students will be permitted to make one weekend visit home at the close of each scholastic month, provided their work and conduct are up to standard. No student will be excused before 3:30 Friday afternoon, and he must return before Monday morning. Students will not be allowed to make other than home visits from our school." Privileges were lost if students went home for weekend visits at other than appointed times. Also, no excuses were accepted for students not returning on time. Students who traveled by rail were expected to reach Wesson on trains No. 23 and No. 26 Sunday night. The catalog additionally states, "We have found by experience that only very few students can make frequent visits home and maintain a satisfactory record."

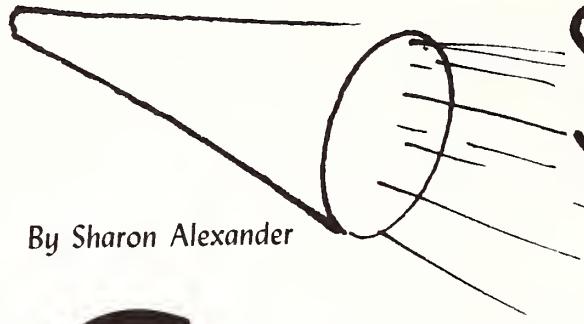
To go to the library to study, girls were required to sign up by 3 p.m. They marched over with a teacher, remained there until the library closed, then marched back with the teacher and answered roll call once in the dormitory. This rule was still in effect as late as the late 60's.

Rules regulating dress were also strict, and the student was expected to conform. According to the 1929-30 catalog, girls were required to wear uniforms for all public occasions. The catalog stated: "Girls are required to wear some simple white dress of wash silk, linen or madras for church and all public programs in the fall and spring seasons. Only black ties and belts may be used. For winter months dresses of navy blue woolen material without colored trimmings are required. Black hats of small shape have been adopted for use for all seasons . . . No colors will be used for trimming. For every-

day wear, girls may use such clothing as would be suitable for the local school at home. Medium to low-heeled shoes are suggested for every-day wear." Other wearing apparel was left to the individual, provided that "extravagance in cost" was avoided and the "common laws of health observed." All of the local students who took part in school activities were required to meet the dress regulation for the occasion. Also, students were required to go to the pep rallies and were expected to cheer. Hats and gloves were to be worn when girls went to town.

Restricted in behavior and apparel, the students of the 20's also enjoyed life in a more circumscribed manner. Their activities were usually planned for them as group activities. A well-chaperoned group would perhaps ride to Brookhaven on a bus to see a movie such as "Smiling Through." They usually dressed up for such a big event, and the girls wore hats and gloves. Dress-up clothes were also worn for dinner Wednesday evenings when a string quartet or orchestra would entertain. Assemblies, held frequently, were for enlightenment but also for discipline because students were checked by a seating chart. About the only time to really relax was in the afternoons after the required hour of physical education. P.E. was not initiated until 1930, but the plans were formulated in 1928—"splendid schedules" according to the catalog. Immediately after P.E. each day, the big activity was to go to the "Hut", a log cabin on the site of the present Grill. If the student was lucky enough to have a nickel, he could splurge on an ice cream cone.

To improve himself, the student could take penmanship or to improve the school, he could work on the annual, the **Co-Lin**, or the newly organized newspaper. The annual won special recognition at the State Fair. The girls could join Girl Reserves and the boys Hi-Y. Many students participated in inter-college contests in the academic areas, such as English, history, and mathematics. Competition was keen and interest lively because the school accumulating the most points for three years would keep the cup. These contests were events in the spring when sports were not so active. Pep rallies were a big part of the student's life -- he cheered and supported his school almost fanatically. In those days life was uncomplicated and filled with the enjoyment of simple pleasures.



SHOUT IT OUT! HOW CO-LIN IS UNIQUE

By Sharon Alexander

C Character: Co-Lin is dedicated to its purpose: to build character

O COLINIAN: the school's alumni newspaper, published for the first time in 1973

L Church has always been important to Co-Lin people. In the past, transportation to and from church has been provided.

I Co-Lin stands ready for any challenge the future holds for education!

N Opportunity college with numerous programs one might pursue

Only eight (8) individuals have served as this institution's executive officer since 1915.

Outgrowth of an agricultural high school

One of the original buildings of the 1915 school still stands today -- the Student Personnel Services Building

L Links! Golf links, that is, with a 9 hole beautifully designed course (only one of a very few among junior colleges in the state)

I Library named in honor of 48 Co-Lin men and women who died in World War II

N International appeal: presently, there are 7 foreign students attending Co-Lin, with a representation of 4 countries

Intriguing sense of comradery that remains with Co-Lin graduates throughout their lives

Individualism: each student is a distinct personality

N Natchez, Mississippi, Branch of Co-Lin opened in the fall of 1972 with 449 enrolled

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Unique is our dancing team, the Colettes, the state's original dance team

Unique is Co-Lin's being the sponsoring agent of a Senior AIDES Program (first college in the nation to have begun this program)

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Needs of all citizens are met. Offerings include evening classes, continuing education classes, conferences, workshops, seminars, Adult Basic Education programs, and Senior Citizens may attend classes tuition-free.

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Initiative: Co-Lin began a non-commercial radio station, WWCL-FM, in 1970

Initiative: Co-Lin took the initiative in setting up an audiotutorial laboratory in the biology department

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Quite a popular place to be with enrollment in the various programs of 1395 students

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Unusual about Co-Lin is that the school is located in a town which had electric lights by 1880 and that was before Chicago!

Unique about Co-Lin is that its annual is older than the college! Publication of the yearbook was begun in 1924-25 and the college began in 1928; the first annual was known as THE CO-LIN

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Enrollment of our two campuses in 1978 is approximately 1755.

Early founders and leaders of our school are honored by buildings named in their memory

Education-wise, Co-Lin offers the only Heavy Equipment Mechanics program in the state as well as one of the few Food Service Supervision Programs

Co-Lin's Band, Colettes draw national recognition

By Joan Harris

Since its formation in 1930 the Co-Lin has achieved state wide and national recognition as an outstanding and unique show band. In addition to the half-time shows at Co-Lin football games and various parades throughout Mississippi, the band has performed in many other states. The band and Colettes have traveled to New Orleans for numerous Mardi Gras parades; to Miami for the National American Legion Convention (1952); to Washington, D. C. for the National American Legion Convention (1955); to Mobile for the Senior Bowl and for Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town" Variety Show (1955); to Washington, D. C. for the Cherry Blossom Festival (1964); and to New York City for Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade (1965). Co-Lin's band was among twelve in the nation selected for the Macy Parade.

It was under the direction of Ralph Williams Franklin (1938-41; 1946-57) that the Co-Lin Band became noted as both a spectacular and unique show band. According to Franklin who now lives in Cleveland, Mississippi, Co-Lin's bandmen were the first in Mississippi to use dance steps. They became such a noted attraction that state newspapers called them the "State's No. 1 Jitterbug Band" (1940). Franklin's band shows also specialized in firework displays, special lighting effects, dancing majorettes and extensive use of props. Franklin wrote a book for band directors entitled **Props Make the Band Show** which he says "is all about my band shows at Co-Lin." It was the dancing majorettes, however, that brought crowds of visitors from far and near to the Co-Lin halftime shows. The dancing girls performed using a wide variety of props including beach balls, ladders, bicycles, hoops and fancy headgear. These dancing girls were named the COLETTES in 1950 by their director, Mrs. Dot Franklin. Other directors of the Colettes include Mrs. Betty Jo Stuart, Mrs. Jauwiece Wilkinson, Mrs. Diane Buster, Mrs. Nena Smith, and Miss Lynn Cochran, the present director.

The Colettes, Franklin says, are the first such group in the state, before the famed Dixie Darlings of the University of Southern Mississippi and the Golden Girls of Louisiana State University. According to the **Trillium**, the Colettes not only

are the first in the state but are the third oldest such group in the nation having been organized as a unit in 1930. The Colettes continue to be an attraction of the Co-Lin Band up to the present time and the position of Head Colette is still an honored and highly competitive one. Reminiscing about the Colettes, Dot Franklin remarked that she recalled one Head Colette named Mary Little who always stopped the show wherever the band performed. Head Colettes include the following:

1950-Mary Little	1965-Rose Marie Josey
1951-Sally Thomas	1966-Lola Jean Case
1952-Diane Weaver	1967-Patsy Little
1953-Janice Sanderson	1968-Scherry Sweeney
1954-Sue Storey	1969-Rene' Frazier
1955-Joyce Smith	1970-Becky Harris
1956-Margaret Ewing	1971-Judy Crum
1957-Jackie Stegall	1972-Debbie Dunaway
1958-Margaret Ann McLemore	1973-Sandra Grayson
1959-Bettye Blair Lusk	1974-Diane Little
1960-Beverly Ann King	1975-Diana Cavazoa
1961-Gail Whittom	1976-Janet Douglas
1962-Zoula Hennington	1977-Wanda Cone
1963-Johnnie Ruth Carpenter	1978-Debbie Gill
1964-Connie Barton	1979-Dixie Hutson

Clyde Wilson, band director at Co-Lin for ten years (1958-68), continued the show band style initiated by Franklin and featured "Colette dance routines, huge fireworks displays, twirling spe-



The Co-Lin Band in 1948-49

since formation in 1930; Macy's, a highlight



1959's Head Colette - Betty Blair Lusk
(Boutwell)

cialities, dance bands, drills with and without lighting." Wilson increased the number of Colettes to as many as 42 in 1966.

As the tunes the band played in the 1950's and 1960's have changed from "Oh, You Beautiful Dolls" and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" to those of the 1970's such as the "Theme" from **Star Wars**; so has the show style changed. Stanley W.

Stewart became Co-Lin's band director in 1970. With Stewart a distinct change in style is noted. He reinstated the Drum Major/Majorette, added both a Flag and Rifle Corps, and enlarged the percussion section. The present Co-Lin Band performs in the Drum and Bugle Corps style that is the contemporary trend in band shows throughout the country. The band show presently takes on a multi-media dimension exploiting a counter-point of sound, movement and color patterns. As the instrumentalists play Stewart's own arrangements of pop tunes such as "Rocky," "Evergreen," and "Get It On," the Flag and Rifle Corps provide colorful and intricate precision drills which dominate the visual effect. The movement and color patterns are enhanced further by the dance routines of the Colettes and the changing formations of the entire band. Since the band enters the field from the sideline and plays directly into the stands from a concert formation, a full and balanced sound is allowed. The overall sound and tempo of the show is contrasted as ballad tunes alternate with "jump" tunes. Further contrast is achieved by special instrumental solos and percussion features. After football season, the band puts forth its efforts into concert music and presents a program of symphonic band music each spring. Drum Majors/Majorettes include the following: Bill Hickman (1970-71); Glenda King (1971-72); Randy Grim (1972-74); Chervl Williams (1974-76); Esther Schmidt (1976-78); and Elizabeth Koskie (1978-79).



The Colettes, band in Macy's 1965 Thanksgiving Day Parade

Glimpses of Hall of Fame members

By Jane Ainsworth and Wilma Cole

The highest honor that can be given to a Copiah - Lincoln Junior College student is selection to the Hall of Fame. The basis for selection is fineness of character, superior scholarship, constructive leadership, and contribution to the betterment of Copiah-Lincoln.

Nominations for this honor are made by the college students and faculty. A screening process of a committee of twenty students and a faculty committee of five completes the selection. Only members of the sophomore class of the junior college are eligible. The number of students elected in any school year does not exceed three.

The following is an update on those Hall of Fame members located for the fiftieth anniversary of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. Hall of Fame membership began with the Class of 1954.

Members

Dr. James Ewing ('54) is a member of the English faculty for North Georgia College and resides in Gainsville, Georgia.

Dr. Billy Thames ('54) is president of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Wesson, Ms. He and his wife, Anne, are the parents of three children.

Connie Walker ('54)

Lady Nelson Gill ('55)

John Williams ('55) is the head football coach at Mississippi College, Clinton, Ms.

Guay Barry Hardy ('55)

Margaret Ewing (Thomas) ('56) resides in Hattiesburg, Ms. where her husband is pastor of a Methodist church.

Elton Kyzar ('56) and family reside in Wesson, Ms., where he is business manager for Copiah-Lincoln Junior College.

Catherine Steen (Hathorn) ('56), homemaker, resides in Oakvale, Miss.

Robert Wilkinson ('57) is a certified public accountant residing in Baton Rouge, La.

Carroll Mullins ('57)

Bobby Kepper ('57)

Relda Ann Burris (Cagle) ('58), Columbia, Ms., was the Copiah-Lincoln Junior College Alumnus of the Year (1977).

Willie James Sisco ('58) works for a cylinder company in Huntsville, Ala.

Jane Ellen Crabtree (Layton) ('58) is a homemaker and resides in Mendenhall, Ms.

Rebecca Barlow (Jackson) ('59), Hazlehurst, Ms., is a secretary in Jackson. She was president of the Copiah-Lincoln Alumni Association for 1974-75.

Charles Nelson ('59) works for H. A. Lott Construction Company in Dallas, Texas, a company which helped construct the Astrodome in Houston.

Yvonne Calhoun (Parker) ('59) is a clerical employee with Cape Kennedy, Titusville, Florida

Mary Ethel Dykes ('60) married Jerry Terrell

Captain Johnny Ray Rice ('60) with the United States Air Force is stationed in Germany with his family.

Katie Grace Crawford (Farnham) ('60) is a homemaker, as well as piano teacher and church organist in Brookhaven, Ms., Mrs. Farnham was president of the Copiah-Lincoln Alumni Association in 1972.

James Daniel Miller ('61) is owner of WMRQ radio station in Brookhaven, Ms.

Rachail Loraine Farrar (Hamilton) ('61) resides in Jackson where she is a homemaker, and her husband works in the Military Office Building.

Albert Ray Brock ('61) resides in Jackson, Ms.

Patricia Ann Calhoun (Mullins) ('62), Natchez, is a teacher with the Natchez-Adams Christian Academy.

Zoula Mae Hennington (Strong) ('62), Wesson, Ms., is program coordinator for the medical laboratory technician program in Copiah-Lincoln Junior College.

Fred Frizzell ('62)

Donald H. Butler ('63) deceased

Joe Wayne Jolly ('63) teaches in the McComb Public School system. He has had several students place nationally in the field of data processing.

Thomas H. Lowery ('63) resides with his family in Brooklyn, Ms., where he is Superintendent of Forrest County Agricultural High School.

Hilda Marie Johnson (Garrett) ('64) is a homemaker in Houston, Texas and is the mother of three children.

Percy Lee Parker ('64) and wife, Margaret, reside in Hattiesburg, Ms.

Audrey Raye Smith (Cupit) ('64) is a homemaker residing with her family in Groves, Texas.

Jeanie Meyers (Sanditer) ('65) is a school teacher residing in Monticello, Ms., where her husband is a pharmacist.

Sonya White (Cowen) ('65), Wesson, Ms., is a librarian with the Wesson Elementary School.

since its inception in 1953-54

Laverne Thames (Lowery) ('65), wife of Thomas Lowery ('63), is an elementary school teacher in Brooklyn, Ms.

Dennis Granberry ('66) and his wife reside in Hattiesburg, Ms., where Dennis is an orthodontist.

Carolyn Calcote (Smith) ('66) and family reside in Brookhaven, Ms. Carolyn has taught mathematics in the Lincoln County School system.

Gloria Jane Ainsworth ('67) teaches history and psychology for Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Wesson, Ms.

Robert Alan Freeman ('67) resides with his family in Huntsville, Ala., and teaches in the University Medical School.

Karen Denise Smith (Naron) ('67) is a homemaker in Cleveland, Ms., and has taught high school English.

Martha Carol Hunter (Morrow) ('68) resides in Columbia, Ms., where she is an elementary school teacher.

Paul Henry Ponder ('68) and family reside in Clinton, Ms., and Paul works for the Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, Ms.

Dr. Elgin Kenneth Walley ('68) is in St. Louis, Missouri, working on a residency in orthodontics.

Rosemary Prather (Parker) ('69) resides with her family in Brookhaven, Ms., and assists her husband, Mike, the owner and manager of funeral homes in Brookhaven and Meadville.

John Ted Russell ('69) works for an oil company in Houston, Texas.

Rhonda Wilson (Ishee) ('69) taught English for two years in Greenwood High School and is presently at Delta State University, Cleveland, Ms., working on a master's degree in library science.

Judy Jones (Stuart) ('70) resides in Ft. Benning, Georgia. She and her husband, Capt. Paul Stuart, previously lived in Tacoma, Washington, where she taught junior high math.

Charlene Walker (Loyd) ('70) is a homemaker in Magee, Ms., and assists with the 4-H organization. She and her husband, Tommy, have two daughters.

Glenn Wallace ('70) is the resident engineer at Stahl-Urban Company, Brookhaven, Ms.

Rickey Thomas Clopton ('71) and family reside in Wesson, Ms. Rickey is the head football coach and a teacher for Wesson High School.

Jane Elizabeth Sanders ('71) is a sales representative residing in Jackson, Ms.

Joseph William Yates, Jr. ('71) resides in Hattiesburg, Ms.

Peggy Jean Arnold (McLemore) ('72) and husband reside in McComb, Ms.

Robert Andrew Geoghegan ('72) is an attorney in Natchez, Ms.

Patricia Walker (Furlow) ('72), Jackson, Ms., is working on a master's degree in music composition from Mississippi College.

Vicky Godbold (Case) ('73) is working for the Tax Commission Office in Jackson, Ms.

Mike Jones ('73) is an assistant basketball coach at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Ms.

Daphne Landress (Johnson) ('73) is a junior high school music instructor in Columbus, Ms.

William Robert Smith ('74) graduates in May from the University Medical Center, Jackson, Ms., and is planning to specialize in internal medicine.

Mary Belinda Waller (Duckworth) ('74), Jackson, Ms., received a degree in medical technology from Baptist Hospital.

Louise Jaquelyn Weeks ('74) is working on a Ph.D. at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Ms., in comparative literature.

Randall Keith Bradshaw ('75) and his wife, Alita Summers, graduated from Oral Roberts University, and he is now teaching and coaching in Raymond, Ms.

Wayne Calvin Oglesby ('75) graduated from the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Ms., and now lives in Oxford where he is a sales representative.

Roger Glyn Walker ('75) received his master's degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, Ms., and is working in the Department of Archives and History in Jackson, Ms.

John Timothy Boyd ('76) graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, Ms., and is now attending the University Medical Center, Jackson, Ms.

Douglas Matthew Buckles ('76) preaches at Hamburg Baptist Church and is in the ministerial program at New Orleans Seminary

Amanda Lynn Davis ('76) received a degree in x-ray technology and resides in Prentiss, Ms.

Clara Lazette Adams ('77) is a student at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Ms.

Wanda Faye Cone ('77) is a student at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Ms., majoring in journalism

Ann Ellen Heaton ('77) is a student at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Ms., majoring in public relations and advertising.

Joyce Ann Ballard ('78) is attending William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Ms., majoring in social ministry. This past summer she served with the Home Mission Board in northeast New Mexico.

Charles Dennis Berch ('78) is a student at Millsaps College, Jackson, Ms.

Michael A. Henderson ('78) is a pre-med student at Millsaps College, Jackson, Ms.

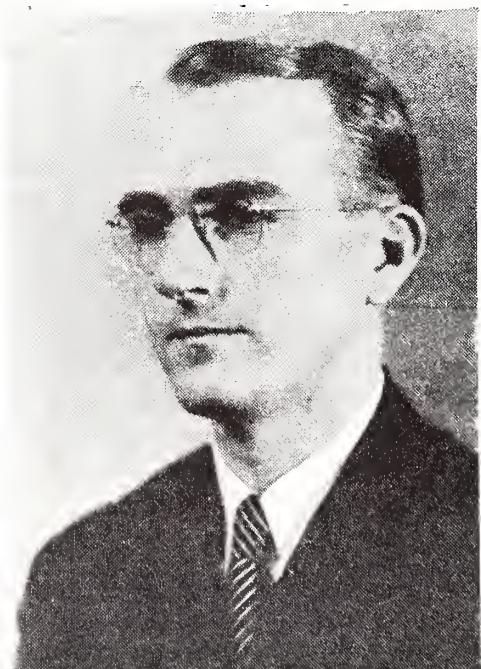
Five Have Served Of Copiah-Lincoln



Lawrence
Russell
Ellzey
(1928-32)



James Milton Ewing
(1932-56)



Willie
H.
Smith
Acting
President
(1943-45)

Since its beginning in 1928, five men have served as President of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. They include Russell Ellzey (1928-March 18, 1932); J. M. Ewing (March 18, 1932-January 22, 1943, when he was granted military leave); Willie H. Smith (January 22, 1943-October 10, 1945); J. M. Ewing (October 10, 1945-August 1956); F. M. Fortenberry (August, 1956-January 20, 1968); Billy B. Thames (January 20, 1968-).

L. Russell Ellzey who was serving as superintendent of the agricultural high school was named first president of the junior college division. The Ellzey administration is distinguished by the fact that Mr. Ellzey had the job of "selling the idea of having a junior college to the trustees, faculty, students, boards of supervisors and to the people."

In early 1932, after he had been elected to the United States Congress representing Mississippi's 7th district, Ellzey resigned his position as President of Copiah-Lincoln. After his return from Congress, Ellzey made his home in Jackson, but continued to be an avid supporter of Copiah-Lincoln until his death in 1977.

In the person of James M. Ewing, the Board chose one familiar with the affairs of Copiah-Lincoln, as he had served as assistant superintendent, dean and registrar, coach and agriculture teacher. He had been a member of the first junior college faculty in 1928.

Ewing served as president until January 1943 when he was granted military leave to serve in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

Willie H. Smith, who had served as an instructor of science and registrar, was appointed by the Board to serve as acting president during Ewing's absence. Smith served in the position, providing the leadership necessary to maintain the stability of the educational institution during a period

As President Junior College

of national turmoil, until October 1945 when Ewing returned from service. In the spring of 1946 Smith resigned from Copiah-Lincoln to devote his full time in active work in the investment business, making his permanent home in Brookhaven.

In the post-war years, Copiah-Lincoln experienced a period of growth and excellence under the leadership of President Ewing. In August, 1956, Ewing presented his resignation to the Board as he had been elected President of Delta State College in Cleveland.

In its search for a new president, the Board of Trustees again chose a man from within the ranks of Copiah-Lincoln. On August 24, 1956, F. M. Fortenberry was named as president.

Fortenberry had served in such capacities as teacher, coach, athletic director and Dean of Men.

The Fortenberry administration is perhaps best characterized by the farsightedness of the leadership in recognizing the future impact of vocational-technical education in the State of Mississippi. Various changes in Co-Lin's curricular, adding vocational-technical programs as deemed necessary by the vocational trends in the area, were made.

On October 26, 1967, President Fortenberry submitted his letter of resignation to the Board of Trustees, stating, "I have been asked to serve as Supervisor for the Mississippi Junior Colleges." Fortenberry's resignation was effective on January 20, 1968.

A selection committee appointed by the Board of Trustees conducted a diligent search for a prospective president and then unanimously recommended Billy B. Thames to the Board.

The Lawrence County native was no stranger to Copiah-Lincoln, having graduated from the institution with

honors in 1954. Thames had served as basketball coach, teacher and counselor in the Jackson Public Schools, principal of an Attala County attendance center, and as Director of Admissions at Belhaven College.

Aware of the bright future awaiting the Mississippi junior colleges, Copiah-Lincoln began a ten-year program of expansion, adding eleven new buildings, additional recreational and athletic facilities and making major renovations in existing buildings.

In the fall of 1972, a branch campus, Copiah-Lincoln Natchez, was established.

Copiah-Lincoln's future continues to be bright under the leadership of President Thames and a farsighted Board of Trustees.

Francis
Marion
Fortenberry
(1956-68)



Billy B. Thames
(1968-)



Performing groups provide

By Joan Harris

Throughout the 50 year history of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, various performing groups have provided cultural enrichment and popular entertainment for both the Co-Lin student body and the Co-Lin community. More than this, these performing groups in the musical and dramatic arts have been a medium for creative and artistic development in the lives of thousands of talented students.

The college musical tradition evolved from that of the Co-Lin High School whose choral concerts, operattas, musicals, and solo recitals by voice, piano and violin students were annual highlights on the campus. The director of the first college choir in 1928-29 was Mrs. Maggie Flowers Ewing who previously had taught in the high school. Mrs. Ewing also sponsored a male quartet and a female trio that first year. Since that time trios, quartets, sextets, quintets, and other small ensembles have become traditional performing groups at Co-Lin with the present counterpart to these early singing groups being the Sojourners. The outstanding achievement of these early groups is verified not only by those who remember them but also by the trophies that were won at the State Junior College Choir Festivals and which are now on display in the show cases in the Ewing Fine Arts Building. Also on display there are programs, pictures and other interesting memorabilia citing special music activities through the years.

Mrs. Ewing, for whom the Fine Arts Building is named, remained a strong influence in Co-Lin's Music Department until her retirement in 1956, the year another long time and present faculty member, Miss Julia Guess, joined the college. Miss Guess, who headed the Music Department for many years, was director of various choral groups; and in 1970, she organized and directed a community choir which for several years presented a major oratorio at Christmas time. Other directors of choral groups included Lena Emily Wood (1934-38); Julia Long, Ruth Metcalfe, and Mary Stuart Harmon – all of the 1940's; J. Leslie Reeves (1952-56); Edsel Coats (1959); James W. Ratcliff (1960-63); Johnny Russell (1963-72); Don Hickman (1973); James Turner (1973-77); and the present director, Robert Pritchard.

The mainstay of musical activities during the years has been the College Choir which traditionally has presented a special Christmas program and a spring concert. Furthermore, the Choir has traveled throughout the district giving musical programs for schools, churches and civic groups. The Choir also has traveled to other states. In 1937, under the direction of Lena Emily Wood (Mrs. Fred Thompson), the "Glee Club" sang at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. Johnny Russell incorporated both a spring tour and a pre-college retreat in his choral program. The retreat was held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and culminated in a campus



The first Sojourners, 1970; organized by Miss Julia Guess

entertainment during years

concert. Russell's choirs in 1971 contained a membership of over 50 members. More recently, under the direction of James Turner, the Choir toured the Carolinas in 1976 and New York State in 1977; and last spring, under the direction of Robert Pritchard, the tour took the Choir to New Orleans and the Florida Gulf Coast.

A favorite performance group on campus since its organization has been the Co-Lin Sojourners, a pop-rock singing group. The Sojourners give many programs each year throughout the district for schools and civic groups. The group was organized in 1970 by Julia Guess; and under her direction and that of Johnny Russell (1971-72), the mixed chorus specialized in folk and pop songs. The Sojourners presently include twelve singers, a pianist, bass guitar, and percussion. Sojourner members are selected by audition. Last year the Sojourners were especially recognized for their song-and-dance interpretation of "Rock Around The Fifties," a medley of tunes from the 1950's. In addition to the campus district performances, the

Sojourners sang last year by special invitation at Jackson's City Auditorium for the Jackson Junior Miss Pageant and in Biloxi for the Mississippi Junior Colleges' State DECA Convention.

Under the joint sponsorship of the Drama and Music Departments, students productions of numerous opera, operetta, and musicals have been presented such as **Amahl and The Night Visitors** by Menotti; **Down In The Valley** by C. Floyd; Gilbert and Sullivan's **Trial By Jury** and **H.M.S. Pinafore**; **The Boyfriend**; **The Fantastics**; **You're A Good Man Charlie Brown**; and **Bye-Bye-Birdie**.

The dramatic productions have been under the direction of John Landress since he joined the Co-Lin faculty in 1956. Many Co-Lin students with acting fever have had the opportunity to try out their talents in such productions as **Mr. Pim Passed By**, **Harvey**, **Tweedles**, **George Washington Slept Here**, **The Man Who Came To Dinner**, **Plaza Suite** and **Arsenic and Old Lace**.



One of the earliest Co-Lin 'Glee Clubs'

Copiah—



COPIAH-LINCOLN STUDENT BODY AND FACULTY

1928 Session

The Copiah-Lincoln story is rich in history, dating back to 1915 with the opening of an agricultural high school. It is the story of the emergence into a junior college in 1928, a story of the depression and war years, and more recently the flourishing of programs and buildings and expanding facilities to include a center in Natchez.

The Copiah-Lincoln story is further a story of individuals -- administrators, faculty and students -- who have contributed to the success of the school, and who have left marks of excellence that may never be matched.

Copiah-Lincoln, founded in 1928 as a joint effort between the two counties whose name it bears, is now composed of a district of seven southwest Mississippi counties. In addition to Copiah and Lincoln, other counties include Simpson, Franklin, Lawrence, Jefferson and Adams. With the main campus remaining in Wesson, a branch campus was opened in Adams County in 1972. The college prides itself in serving the needs of its district and has offered extension work -- both academic and vocational -- in all of its seven supporting counties.

The enrollment at Co-Lin swelled to over 4200 for the 1977-78 session.

The Copiah-Lincoln Board of Trustees first indicated interest in expanding the agricultural high school to include a junior college in 1923 when Dr. H. M. Ivy met with the Board and outlined the necessary pro-

cedures. During 1927-28, Russell Ellzey, Superintendent, along with members of the glee club, quartets, ensemble groups and students and faculty members visited every community in Lincoln and Copiah Counties supporting the junior college movement. On June 1, 1928, a \$150,000 bond election was passed by more than a 10 to 1 decision in favor of a junior college.

Enrollment for the first junior college session, 1928-29, was over 125, with approximately 6000 students enrolling during the first decade ending in 1938. The 1938-39 session showed an enrollment of 510 students.

Ellzey was named the first president of the new junior college. Other administrators included J. M. Ewing, assistant president, and Lula Stevens, dean-registrar.

Eighteen faculty members were approved for the junior college including H. L. Stone, coach-agriculture; Mary Sinclair, English; Katie Lois Stevens, English; Virginia Felder, mathematics; Lillie Mae Covington, mathematics; and Ruby Evans, mathematics.

Also, W. B. Horton (later to be president of Miss. Delta Junior College), history; Ellie Jeter, coach-history; Mary M. Thompson, commercial work; Cleo Holman, home economics; Katherine Strait and Genevieve Stout, science; Dr. Oscar Autritt, French-English; Gladys Arrington, Latin-Spanish; and, Mrs. Evelyn Oswalt, librarian-hall.

Others were Eliza Blue, piano; Mrs. Maggie F. Ewing, voice-glee club; Mildred David, dramatics-physical education.

Lincoln Jr. College

1928-1978

"A Past Remembered . . . A Future Unlimited"

Staff members were Fannie Callender, dietitian; Kate Barlow, nurse-matron; and Dr. J. H. Beavers, physician.

The onset of the depression enhanced the popularity of the junior college with the Mississippi public, especially because of its low costs. The expense for a student, as listed in the 1928 catalog included:

Registration fee.....	\$3.00
Medical fee per month35

Board per month (dorm room and food)	10.00
Window shades per year.....	1.00
Science fee per year.....	2.00

(Female students paid an additional \$2 for home science per year)



The 1953 Yearbook (25th Anniversary) was dedicated to six members of the 1928 faculty who were still a part of Copiah-Lincoln. Left to right, Mrs. Evelyn Oswalt (residing in Wesson), Miss Fannie Callender (deceased), Miss Lula Stevens (deceased), Dr. J. M. Ewing (deceased), Mrs. Maggie F. Ewing (residing in Clinton), and Miss Mary Thompson (deceased).

Board members through the

By Sharon Alexander

Throughout the entire history of the school, our Board of Trustees have served the institution faithfully and well. Our seven county district salutes them.

Copiah County

Name of Trustee	Term of Service
J. S. Youngblood.....	1928-1940
R. E. Rea	1928-1962
A. S. Thomas.....	1928-1940
W. S. Henley.....	1928-1972
Jack Sullivan.....	1928-1935
J. S. Decell.....	1928-1929
M. Bart Starnes	1931-1932
H. T. Funchess.....	1932-1939
S. M. Furlow	1934-1936
Frank Oswalt.....	1936-1947
R. C. Bufkin	1939-1943
Dr. Otho Messer.....	1939-1972
J. C. Reynolds	1939-1943
E. R. Izard	1944-1970
T. V. Rush	1943-1953
Spence Templeton.....	1945-1946
B. W. Cagle	1946-1953
Gordon Sullivan	1943-1944
R. E. Middleton.....	1948-1952
E. F. Anderson.....	1952-1959
John J. King	1953-1956
Earl Donahue.....	1954-1955
Fred W. Anderson	1955-1960
Sturge Dodds.....	1957-1977
Lester R. Furr.....	1960-
C. C. Graves, Jr.	1961-
George Meyers.....	1967-1972
Dale Sullivan	1972-
P. D. Armstrong	1972-
Calvin Britt.....	1977-
Harris Henley.....	1974-

Lincoln County

Name of Trustee	Years of Service
Prentiss Furr.....	1928-1940
L. H. Baggett	1928-1936
Dr. David Magee	1928-1939
Andy Greer	1928-1932
George Moak	1928-1929
L. P. May	1928-1932
Edgar King	1929-1933
Thomas Price.....	1933-1937
Eddie Young	1933-1941
C. J. Holloway.....	1934-1948
Clyde E. Day	1936-1940
J. H. Reeves	1937-1940
Mrs. David Magee	1939-1940
J. C. Callendar.....	1940-1943
W. W. McCormick.....	1940-1952
Luther Magee	1940-1952
Carlos Smith	1940-1955
A. Sidney Minton	1942-1947
Grady Callendar	1943-1970
W. Lee White	1948-1952
Pence Brown	1948-1972
Robert Boling	1952-1961
Bart Calcote	1952-1959
A. F. Parkinson	1952-1960
Frank Lowery	1956-
Mrs. Ruby Larkin	1960-1964
C. C. Clark	1960-
Carnie Smith	1964-1972
Dr. J. H. Stribling	1968-
Loyd Smith	1970-1972
W. D. Lofton	1972-1977
Gerald Hart	1972-1977
Versie Rushing	1972-
John Dow	1974-
Berry Givens	1974-
Dr. G. Dale Smith	1977-

years give time, talent to CLJC

Simpson County

Name of Trustee	Years of Service
E. C. Buckley	1934-1936
F. E. Edwards	1936-1940
Vernon May	1940-1943
Mrs. G. P. Brown	1944-1947
R. S. Berry	1948-1952
Charles Bush	1948-1957
Mack E. Everett	1952-1955
I. S. Bass	1957-1972
Burnell Berry	1960-1963
G. L. Tutor	1964-1976
R. S. Parker	1972-
T. Carroll Greer	1976-

Lawrence County

Name of Trustee	Years of Service
T. E. Jolly	1965-
G. L. Patterson, Jr.	1966-1968
Harold Dennison	1968-1972
James Price	1972-

Franklin County

Name of Trustee	Years of Service
W. J. Crecinck	1948-1953
W. E. Boggan	1949-1954
	1964-1972
S. P. Torrey	1953-1970
Horace Godbold	1956-1964
Milton Jordan	1970-1972
James Herring	1972-
L. G. Young	1977-

Adams County

Name of Trustee	Years of Service
G. A. McLaurin	1968-1977
R. S. Armstrong	1972-1975
Mrs. Rose Ferguson	1976-
Walter Nelson	1977-
Claude Porter	1977-
Tom Reed	1975-
Larry (Butch) Brown	1975-
Wes Burkhardt	1975-
Miss Malinda Robinson	1975-1977

Jefferson County

Name of Trustee	Years of Service
P. E. Bates	1968-
R. E. Gavin	1969-1975
Marion Hayes	1975-

Trustees Contribute Much To School

Through the years Copiah-Lincoln Junior College has stood on a solid foundation provided by the leadership of its Board of Trustees. As the district has expanded from two supporting counties in 1928 to seven in 1978, the number of the board has grown from twelve to twenty-seven members.

Officers of the Board of Trustees of 1928 included J. S. Youngblood, president and R. E. Rea, secretary. Members representing Copiah County included Youngblood and Rea, J. S. Decell, W. S. Henley, Jack Sullivan and A. S. Thomas. Lincoln County Trustees were L. H. Baggett, Prentiss Furr, Andy Greer, Dr. David Magee, L. P. May and George Moak.

Through the 50-year history of the junior college, one-hundred and



CHEERLEADERS have always been a real "tradition" at Co-Lin adding spirit and enthusiasm to athletic events. Pictured is the 1958 squad, (front, left to right) Marilyn Lewis, Ginger Roberts, Rebecca Barlow, Georgia Faye Nichols (back) John Edward Perritt, Janet Baxter, Laverne Landers, Johnny Jackson.



TRUSTEE OFFICERS, left to right, Dr. J. H. Stribling, president; T. E. Jolly, vice president; Lester Furr, secretary.

one men and four women have served as board members. Three have served as president, including J. S. Youngblood (1928-34), W. S. Henley (1934-74), and Dr. J. H. Stribling (1974-). R. E. Rea served as secretary from 1928 until 1962. Lester

Furr was elected secretary in 1962 and continues to serve in that capacity.

Several board members must be recognized for the tenure of service

These include W. S. Henley (44 years), R. E. Rea (34 years), Dr. Otho Messer (33 years), Grady Callendar (27 years), Pence Brown (24 years) and E. R. Izard (22 years). Henley and Rea were appointed to the Board of Trustees prior to 1928, while Co-Lin was still an agricultural high school.

The present twenty-seven member Board of Trustees is composed of the following members: Adams County, Larry Brown, Wes Burkhardt, Mrs. Rose Ferguson, Walter L. Nelson, Claude Porter and Tom Reed; Copiah County, P. D. Armstrong, Calvin Britt, Lester Furr, C. C. Graves, Jr., Harris Henley and Dale Sullivan; Franklin County, James Herring and L. G. Young.

Also, Jefferson County, P. E. Bates and Marion Hayes; Lawrence County, T. E. Jolly and James M. Price; Lincoln County, C. C. Clark, John Dow, Berry Givens, Frank Lowery, Versie Rushing, Dale Smith, J. H. Stribling; Simpson County, Carroll Greer, R. S. Parker.

The Way It Was

Copy taken from 1941 Trillium

"One day a month each Co-Lin boy tosses his Lit book in a corner and dons overalls and brogans for a day's work with Cap Wallace (the late Noah Wallace of Wesson who was an employee of Copiah-Lincoln for many years). Despite the fact all of 'em groan when their work day comes, they really enjoy a day spent outside of the class rooms. In that day they can forget bad grades and reproofing profs, work up an appetite and get some practical experience.

It is the uncertainty of what type of work a boy will do that makes the day a trifle exciting. He may be sent to plow some lonely hill behind the school, shove a lawn mower over the campus, drive a team of mules, pull corn, haul hay, build fences, drive a truck, or any of a score of jobs that accompany each season. In doing these jobs the boys learn to work with other boys, how to take instructions, and, most important of all, what it means to get close to nature."

"THREE TIMES A DAY . . . Where as the boys of Co-Lin gain practical knowledge of farm work one day each month, the girls receive practical training that is equally important. They learn how to serve a meal.

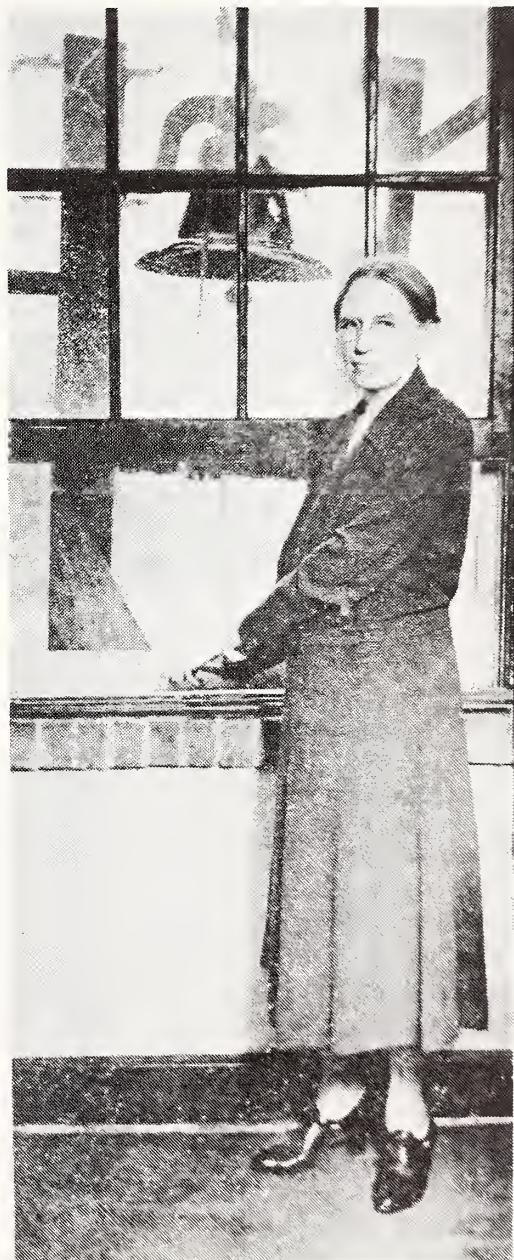
For ages it has been the duty of the woman to serve meals. This is one precedent that has stood the acid test of time, and will undoubtedly continue to do so.

I would venture to say that no girl has come to Co-Lin (or any other institution) without matrimonial aspirations. It is natural for every woman to want to be a wife. At Co-Lin the girls learn just what it is to wait on a table surrounded by seven hungry students. They learn what men like to eat, how they like their food seasoned, what they like to talk about and, in general, more about men than they would otherwise know. Although it is doubtful that every girl will be able to snare themselves a husband while at Co-Lin, the training that they receive here while serving will be valuable in any walk of life.

The dining room duties that the girls perform during their month of serving may be one of three. The majority of the girls do the actual serving of the meal -- placing the food on the table, pouring water into glasses, hurrying back after refills. Others have certain tables allotted to them for coffee service. The remaining girls see that the syrup pitchers on the table are filled before each meal. Syrup is a popular Southern delicacy and Southern boys and girls can do more damage to a pitcher of syrup and a plate of hot biscuits than nearly anyone else.

The girls receive their instruction from Miss Fannie Callender, the Co-Lin dietitian, and in conversations with her learn more about the culinary art. It should

be stated here that another trait that the girls develop is the art of being cheerful. Cheerfulness goes hand in hand with a meal and Co-Lin's girls soon learn that they must above all be cheerful while serving. In general, the training they receive is just as essential as any curricular course they may take."



Miss Fannie Callender came to Copiah-Lincoln as dietitian when the school was still an agricultural high school. She continued to serve the junior college for nearly 40 years, supervising not only the preparation of food, but instructing the women students in the proper ways to serve tables. Miss Callender is pictured beside the bell she rang signaling the familiar "dinner is served."

alma mater

Hail Copiah-Lincoln! Sons and
Daughters true,
Pledge thee our love, we'll sing
thy praise anew.
Faithfully and Loyally we'll ever
honor thee.
We'll push thy colors on to Victory!

alumni association

Records of a Copiah-Lincoln Alumni Association date back as far as 1921 when an alumni banquet was held during the "graduation week". The annual banquet was later changed to a Christmas dinner. Early presi-

1972: Katie Crawford Farnham
1973: Thomas Lowery
1974: Rebecca Barlow Jackson
1975: T. W. "Billy" Hickman
1976: Helen E. Mullen
1977: Thomas Kelly
1978: Evelyn Redd

Current officers in addition to President Redd include W. C. "Pop" Allen, vice president, and Merle S. Furlow, secretary.

The Alumni office is located in the Student Services Building. Publications of the Association, mailed to all paid members, include the COLINIAN published twice each year, and "Alumni Accents" published quarterly.

Other activities of the Association include the honoring of two alumni during Homecoming as "Alumni of the Year" and a recognition of former Co-Lin athletes to begin at the 1978 Homecoming, an "All Sports Hall of Fame".

Crown in 1929 under Coach Ruby Evans. Later championships were earned in 1938 (led by Coach Viola James) and in 1947 with Coach F. M. Fortenberry.

With the recent completion of a new track for Copiah-Lincoln, the Wolves have been strong in competition. State titles in track were taken in 1967 under Coach Guy Barr and in 1972 and 1976 under Coach C. B. Hawkins.

Sports offered on the competitive level for men when Copiah-Lincoln began as a junior college in 1928 included football, track, baseball, volleyball, basketball and tennis.

The woman student of 1928 was not overlooked in the area of competitive sports, as she could compete in track, baseball, volleyball, basketball and tennis. (The 1926 Co-Lin women's volleyball and baseball teams had been Southwest Mississippi Champions.)

Today Copiah-Lincoln places a hard-hitting, determined football team

campus traditions

athletics

dents of the Association included Larkin Baggett (1925); Eunice Hodges (1926); J. K. "Ken" Patterson (1928); and Paul Little (1929).

Later officers included J. C. Redd (1953) and E. G. Graham (1954). Mrs. Alma G. Smith faithfully served as secretary of the Alumni Association for approximately 25 years.

Since 1960 the following have served as president of the Association:

1960: Ruby Larkin Corley
1961: James M. Lewis
1962: Alice Stringer Templet
1963: N. B. White
1964: Nell Swilley Massey
1965: Ray Albritton
1966: Maude Elsie Smith
1967: Joe Patterson
1968: Kathleen Reid
1969: R. E. "Bob" Anderson
1970: Truitt Grubbs
1971: Burlian Walker

Athletics has always played an important part in the life of Copiah-Lincoln. Under the leadership of H. L. "Hook" Stone, the Co-Lin football team was crowned Junior College Champion seven times out of the first ten years (1928-38) as a member of the Junior College Conference.

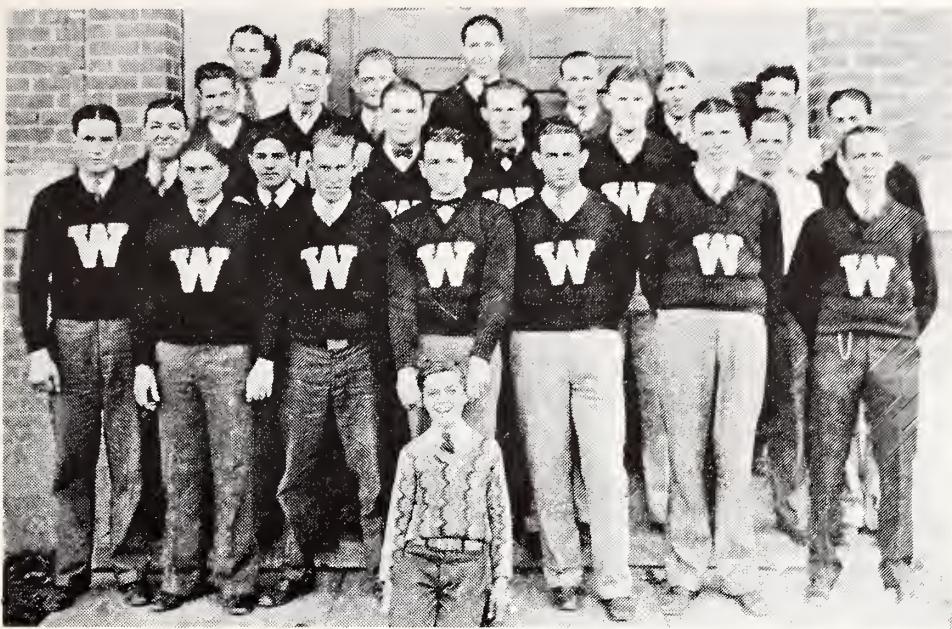
In 1948 the Wolves took their first State Championship in Men's Basketball and have continued to be a threat whenever basketball season begins. Later state crowns were earned in 1949, 1973, 1974 (also Region VII Champions) and 1976. Coaches leading the Wolves to the top in men's basketball have included T. A. Ricks, M. K. Turk, and William Lewis.

Women's basketball has been competitive from the beginning, with the "Wolverines" bringing home the State

on the field as it participates in the strong south division of the Miss. Junior College Conference. Recent outstanding teams have included 1958 when the Wolves met Tyler, Texas, Jr. College in the Hospitality Bowl and head Coach, A. J. Mangum, was chosen Miss. Jr. College Coach of the Year. The 1970 team, under the late Malcolm Nesmith, posted a 7-1-2 record, best in the conference.

Women's basketball was discontinued on the junior college level in the 50's, but resumed in 1974. The women, now known as the Lady Wolves, have been competitive in division play and in 1975 under the direction of Coach Gwyn Young finished in the top four in Mississippi and captured 3rd place in the Region VII Tournament.

Other areas of junior college competition in which Co-Lin participates today include men's baseball, and tennis and golf for men and women.



The 1927-28 Co-Lin "Aggies" team enjoyed another winning season with a 9-1 record. The lone defeat came in the season's final game when Biloxi defeated Co-Lin by a score of 6 to 0, taking home the South Miss. Championship. The "Aggies" put up a real struggle to the end, but were "fighting under a handicap caused from the loss of two of its best backs due to a mumps epidemic."

Final season starts showed the Co-Lin team scoring 193 points to their opposition's 6 points, with one game won by the lopsided score of 88-0.

Team members included Captains X. L. Carney and Tommy Spencer, Ed Alias, Jo Jo Brueck, Scheuman Day, Earl Hutson, Buster Mize, Paul Russell, Jessie Sandifer, Happy Smith, Walter Sullivan, Bill Thompson, Guy Turnbow, Paul Turnbow and Coach Hook Stone.



The 1948 men's basketball team was the first to capture a State Championship. Pictured left to right, Vance Brown, Alton Ricks, John Pouncey, Donald Roberts, Charles Guynes, Ray Bracken, Robert Barrett. (Back row) Garland Brown, Eugene Klar, Carl Medley, Jimmy Sinclair, Frank Garner, Coach T. A. Ricks.

H. L. Stone led Co-Lin to State Championships in football seven times during the first ten years (1928-38) as a junior college.



clubs and organizations

The social life of the Copiah-Lincoln student has always been given a place of major importance.

A wide variety of clubs and organizations was offered to the student who enrolled at Copiah-Lincoln in the fall of 1928. These included the student council, Hi-Y Club, Girls Reserve, Chemistry Club, Dramatics Club, Debate Club and the Yearbook Staff.

Other activities bringing enthusiasm to the 1928 campus included the musical presentations - operettas, piano and voice recitals - dramatic presentations and physical education programs.

The 1978 Co-Lin student continues to have a varied program. A regular schedule of activities, including an intramural sports program, is directed through the office of student activities.

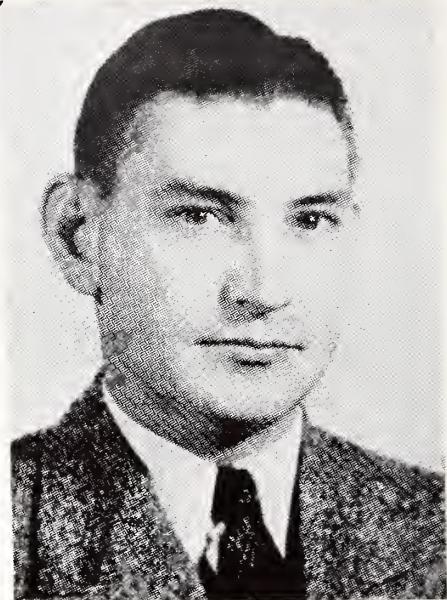
Organizations include Student Government, Future Teachers Association, French Club, Circle K, VICA, Youth Congress Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Beta Lambda, Co-Lin Players, Afro-American Plus Club, Alpha Omega Science Club, DECA Club and the newspaper and yearbook staffs.

Religious organizations include the Student Christian Association, Baptist Student Union and Wesley Foundation.

Annual events on the campus include the Trillium Beauty Pageant, the Miss Co-Lin Pageant and Circle K's "Mess" Co-Lin Pageant. Others are talent shows, Christian Focus Week, choir and band concerts and recitals, several dramatic productions by the Co-Lin Players and Black History Week.



The 1938 Men's Quartet included Homer Green, Billy Hickman, Buster Foil, and Jim Bennett. Lena E. Wood (Mrs. Fred Thompson) served as voice instructor in 1938.



publications

In order to effectively reach the Copiah-Lincoln student and patron throughout the district, public relations offices are maintained on both the Wesson and Natchez campuses.

The traditional news media Wolf Tales (Wesson) begun in 1968 and Co-Lin/N Sights (Natchez) begun in 1973 serve as campus newspapers. Wolf Tales is published bi-monthly, while Co-Lin/N Sights is published quarterly. In 1977 Wolf Tales was

selected as first place winner among bi-monthly publications in Mississippi junior colleges. In 1978 it earned second place.

Earlier Wesson campus newspapers included the Blue and Gray, published in the late 40's and the Co-Lin Watchword published in the mid 60's.

The TRILLIUM yearbook is distributed each spring to Co-Lin students. The Trillium contains the student body, faculty, campus activities from both Wesson and Natchez and the high school division.

A yearbook was first published in 1925 and was called the CO-LIN. After five years, the Co-Lin had to cease publication due to the lack of

Co-Lin's band enjoyed priceless publicity as state newspapers captioned Director Ralph W. Franklin's bandsmen as "State's No. 1 Jitterbug Band" and "the dancing bands from Wesson". Director and Mrs. Franklin organized Co-Lin's Colettes, Mississippi original dancing coeds.

funds during the depression. In 1937 publication of a yearbook was resumed, now called the Trillium.

The Trillium found its name in the small wild plant, the trillium, whose common stem is made by three leaves joined together. By 1937, Copiah-Lincoln had added another supporting county to its district -- Simpson County -- and now three counties joined to support the educational institution.

Other publications include literary magazines Microcosm in Wesson and Refractions in Natchez. These publications are coordinated through the humanities divisions and contain winning short stories, poetry, and essays submitted by the Copiah-Lincoln student and high school students in the district.

News releases are sent to the local district and state newspapers on a regular weekly basis. Further, a series of weekly radio reports are conducted through the Wesson campus public relations office and can be heard on stations in Brookhaven, Hazlehurst and Monticello.



Mr., Miss CLJC emerge from

Compiled by Phyllis Hayes

1928-Elizabeth Rea

1929-Doris Ball

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1937-King of Co-Lin Fortner Babbs
Queen of Co-Lin Mary Augusta

1938-King of Co-Lin Kit Luse
Queen of Co-Lin Bernice Coker

1939-King of Co-Lin Phillip Ship
Queen of Co-Lin Dorris Nichols

1940-The King-
Elmer Tuggle Brumfield
The Queen-Martha Hart

1941-Mr. Copiah-Lincoln
Thomas East
Miss Copiah-Lincoln
Evelyn Clark

1942-Roland Stevens
Merle Carr

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1947-Roland Curtis
Ann Jones

1948-Alton Ricks
Catherine McManus

1949-Gene Felder
Judy Kennedy

1950-W. B. Thompson
Evelyn Wadsworth

1951-Billy Magee
Pearl Higginbotham

1952-Buster Schilling
Diane Weaver

1953-Max Edwards
Janice Sanderson

1954-Mike Lusk
Betty Ruth Wilson

1955-Jimmy Kimble
Shirley Allen

1956-Jimmy Ashley
Catherine Steen

1957-Kenneth Mooney
Jennie Swanson

1958-John Rockett
Relda Burris

1959-Charlie Nelson
Yvonne Calhoun

1960-Pat Hennington
Glenda Smith

1961-Cliff Smith
Rachael Farrar

1962-Fred Frizzell
Pat Calhoun

1963-Bobby Britt
Jane White

1964-Percy Parker
Hilda Johnson

1965-Hardy Smith
Sonya White

1966-Ronny Smith
Carolyn Calcote

1967-Terry Assink
Jane Ainsworth

1968-Kenny Walley
Scherry Sweeney

King, Queen titles in late '30's

1969-Mark Whittington
Rosemary Prather

1970-Scott Ratcliff
Becky Harris

1971-Joe Yates
Linda McCaffery

1972-Tommy Owens
Patricia Walker

1973-Mike Jones
Sandra Grayson

1974-Danny Mosley
Becky Lynn Thompson

1975-Alvin Lyons
Angela Northup

1976-Tim Boyd
Linda Jean Hill

1977-Ronnie Hyatt
Wanda Cone

1978-Richard Furr
Esther Schmidt

The 50th Queen



Nena Brister of Crystal Springs will reign as Copiah-Lincoln's "golden anniversary" homecoming queen.



Miss Copiah-Lincoln Junior College

Jennifer Haynes of Mendenhall became the ninth Miss Copiah-Lincoln Junior College to compete for the Miss Mississippi title. She was crowned by Donna Currie of Brookhaven, Miss CLJC 1977, who was in the Top Ten in the Miss Mississippi Pageant. Other former title holders were Gayle Wells, Meadville, 1970; Jane Sanders, Wesson, 1971; Mary Dees, Wesson, 1972; Diane Little, Newhebron, 1973; Donna Herrington, Magee, 1974; Janet Douglas, Wesson, 1975; and Rhonda Todd, Monticello, 1976. Burlian Walker has been executive director of all nine pageants.

Hillary Hallum, a Co-Lin tradition

During winter months, Hillary Hallum is content to sit in his campus apartment, watching t.v. or chatting with friends, and smoking his favorite cigar, a King Edward.

But when spring time comes and brings sunshine and warmth to Co-Lin's campus, Hillary, as he is fondly known, makes the rounds of the campus, getting his daily exercise. Students through the years have come to know Hillary, a retired campus employee, by his brisk step, his walking cane, and his loud and cheerful, "How're you doing?"

Hillary, who says he's "somewhere in his nineties," has worked under four Copiah-Lincoln Junior College presidents and got his job here through the WPA, or Works Progress Administration, implemented by President Franklin Roosevelt during the thirties.

His cousin asked then President Jimmy Ewing to hire Hillary to work in his place while he visited California and Hillary did -- until his retirement.

Through the years he has maintained a warm relationship with presidents Ewing, Willie Smith, F. M. Fortenberry, and Billy B. Thames.

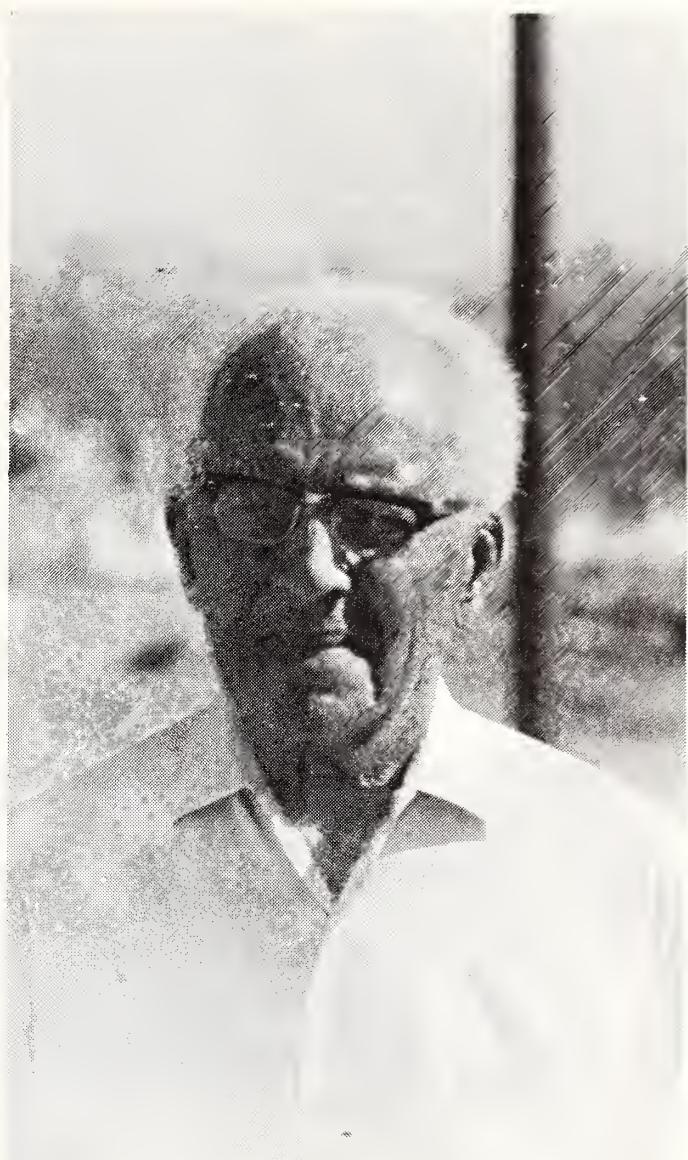
When asked what sort of work he did on campus, he replied, "Anything!" Among other things, he cooked in the college cafeteria, and alumni still remember his homemade rolls.

A few years back the board of trustees provided Hillary with an efficiency apartment, located at one end of the faculty apartment garage, and promised to take care of him, "the rest of his days."

"The apartment suits me fine," says Hillary, as he points out his comfortable chair, television, bedroom suite, bath and kitchenette. On the wall hangs a plaque which reads, "1972 - presented by trustees of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College to Hillary Hallum, for faithful service."

Hillary's children live far away. Bertha and Hattie live in California, Zadie Lou's in Michigan, Edward lives in Chicago, and James in Birmingham. Because of a hearing loss, Hillary no longer talks with his children by phone and Mrs. Alma Smith, for years secretary to the president and presently records clerk, reads their letters to him.

"Grover Smith and Dr. Thames get me to the doctor when I'm sick," he says. Although he's had eye surgery



Co-Lin -- the college Hillary Hallum has called home for over 40 years.

in recent years, Hillary says he's doing fine. "I've got my blood pressure right and a Bufferin helps my arthritis misery." He gets a good night's rest. "If 6:30 caught me out of the bed, something would happen for sure."

He loves a good ballgame and for years went to every game with the late Graydon Mullen.

Hillary Hallum can neither read nor write, but he's willing to share a wealth of love for and memories of Copiah-Lincoln -- the college he calls home.

An interview with Maggie Ewing

By Keith McDaniel

Mrs. Maggie Ewing, still a vivacious and loyal fan of Copiah-Lincoln after twenty years' absence, has shared memories of her thirty years at the school. She met her husband, Jimmy Ewing, in 1926 at Copiah-Lincoln during her first teaching assignment as voice and mathematics instructor. He was coach and agriculture teacher and in 1932 became president of the college. In the President's home the Ewings reared two children who felt a family relationship toward ten or so faculty members, calling them aunt and uncle. In those early years Mrs. Ewing entertained the faculty members in her home for Sunday dinner. Later she was hostess at receptions.

Mrs. Ewing remembers her husband's strongest points as being his ability to envision needs and their solutions and his ability to work with the legislature and important people. This latter quality was employed as the two of them stumped the Copiah-Lincoln district, she taking her



Interviews were conducted with several of the above who were present for a Co-Lin homecoming several years ago. From left to right are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oswalt; Mrs. J. J. Wesson; Mrs. Willie Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson; the late Dr. J. M. Ewing; and Mrs. Maggie Ewing



The Ewing family in 1948-49 at home on campus

quartet and he collaring people to elicit support for important bond issues at a time when the junior college was the step-child of education.

Dignitaries, such as governors or presidents of colleges, were often invited to be the speakers at Sunday night vespers -- one of Mrs. Ewing's fondest memories -- meetings attended by as many as 200 students. Then another memory of the early days was of academic contests between junior colleges, as important as sports clashes are today. Another memory was the brief period of two years in World War II when President Ewing served in the Navy, feeling it his responsibility although he had children. The whole family went with him, and Willie Smith became president those two years.

According to people who were students under the

Ewings, the day started on the campus when Mrs. Ewing's heels clicked down the sidewalk, or the football team became a winner when the student body responded to her cheers and the loud ringing of her cowbell down on the sidelines.

Since leaving Copiah-Lincoln, Mrs. Ewing has continued her active life. She lives in Clinton and is busy in the First Baptist Church. She has also continued in musical projects and is finding real enjoyment in the retired teachers' program. Her son, James, teaches in a north Georgia college, and Margaret lives in Hattiesburg where her husband is pastor in a Methodist church. Even when the Ewings moved to Cleveland where Dr. Ewing was president of Delta State, and after his death, Mrs. Ewing has still continued her lively interest in and devotion to Co-Lin.



A scene in the dining hall of the faculty house, thirty years ago.

Student government organizes in 1964

By Burlian Walker

There was no apparent overall student government before 1954 when the Elected Students Officers Committee was formed. During those years a selected number of class officers and organizational presidents were members of the group. Part of those years there were no officers; however, during a few of them there were.

The present student form of government was adopted in 1964-65. Officers were Hardy Smith, president; LaVerne Thames, vice president; Sonya White, secretary; and Jane Allen, treasurer.

Student body officers during 1965-66 were Tommeye Budwah, president; Earl Sasser, vice president; Gail Lofton, secretary; and Sandra Lofton, treasurer.

In 1966-67, Mike Townsend was president; Howard Wooten was vice president; Jane Ainsworth, secretary; and Camille Lambright, treasurer.

During 1967-68, Paul Ponder served as SGA president; Kenny Walley, vice president; Scherry Sweeney, secretary; and Diane Allred, treasurer.

Rosemary Prather was president in 1968-69, with Harold Gill as vice president; Rhonda Wilson as secretary; and Marilyn Hood as treasurer.

President during 1969-70 was Judy Jones, with Janice Sherman, vice president; Becky Harris, secretary; and Glenn Wallace, treasurer.

In 1970-71 Joe Yates was student government president; Rickey Clopton was vice president; Jane Sanders was secretary; and Alan Wallace was treasurer.

Patricia Walker was student body head during 1971-72, Peggy Arnold was vice president, Laura Gardner was secretary and Daisy Langford was treasurer.

Heading the SGA in 1972-73 was Kenny Lofton, president; Brad Granberry, vice president; Lynn Smith, secretary; and Jan Mitchell, treasurer.

President during 1973-74 was Danny Moseley with Larry Hill as vice president, Donna Herrington as secretary, and Belinda Jones as treasurer.

Diana Cavazos was president in 1974-75. Alvin Lyons served as vice president, Diane Robertson as secretary, and Jolynn Wells as treasurer completed the officers.

For 1975-76 Matt Buckles was chosen president; Eddie Pritchard, vice president; Tanya Ponder, secretary; and Arch McCormick, treasurer.

Ronnie Hyatt was president in 1976-77; Terry Lee Smith, vice president; Janice Tanner, secretary; and Stan Allred, treasurer.

Last year, 1977-78, Paul Panquerne was president; Richard Furr, vice president; Susan Daniel, secretary; and Kathy Wroten, treasurer.

This year's student government officers are Randy Embinger, president; David Clanton, vice president; Terri McLendon, secretary; and Debbie Lowery, treasurer.

Mrs. F. M. Fortenberry recalls "First Lady" days

By Keith McDaniel

The Fortenberrys attended Mississippi College together and several years after graduation, Nona came as a bride to live in the boys' dormitory of Copiah-Lincoln where F. M. was teacher and coach. Mrs. Fortenberry was in the business department the twenty-seven years she taught at Co-Lin. Mr. Fortenberry was also dean and then became president in 1956.

As president's wife, Nona entertained at Christmas teas, and the two sponsored end-of-school cook-outs. Mrs. Fortenberry feels that her husband's finest quality was his desire to above-all back the philosophy of the school to develop students physically, emotionally and mentally. During his tenure from 1956 to 1968, Mullen Gymnasium was built and the vocational-technical program inaugurated. As president he enjoyed the cooperation of the board, faculty, and students. Some of the firsts were the first school dance and the first permission to date. The latter first was a rather complex procedure involving written permission from parents and early hours. Assemblies were every other Thursday.

Since Mr. Fortenberry's death about ten years ago, Mrs. Fortenberry has continued to live in Clinton while she teaches in the business department at Hinds. She remains active in her Baptist work and in business organizations.

Fred and Lena Thompson reflect over

I had the privilege of being a student under the first president of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College and of serving on the staff of each succeeding president.

An outstanding memory of my high school days was that of marching to church on Sunday mornings, for church attendance was required and marching the boys was the means of their transportation. For several years after the establishment of a junior college, the high school enrollment outnumbered those of us in the junior college, but as the junior college grew in importance through the years, the high school was gradually phased out.

I was graduated from the junior college in 1931 and when I returned in 1933 as bookkeeper was still so young looking that I was required to live off the cam-

... "an outstanding memory was that of marching to church on Sunday mornings. . ."

Fred E. Thompson

pus. With the exception of one year of teaching and one and a half years as Assistant Financial Secretary of the University of Mississippi (and years of war service), my entire professional career has been at Copiah-Lincoln. I served as Bookkeeper, Business Manager, Bookstore Manager, Teacher and Chairman of the Business Department. I served in these various capacities for a total of thirty-eight and one half years. When one adds the years spent in high school and junior college to the years of my staff service there is a total of 45 years on the Co-Lin Campus, therefore it became a big part of my life.

My fondest memories are still of those early years, the wonderful school spirit, and my fellowship with other

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faculty members, who have continued as life long friends.

It was in 1934 that I met my future wife, Lena Wood, who came to Copiah-Lincoln in the fall of that year to teach. We were married in the spring of 1938, continued, except for 1½ years, to live on the campus, raise a son, and make our home. We are now both

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Mrs. Lena W. Thompson

retired and live in Brookhaven where we enjoy our home, church, community, and frequent visits from son, daughter-in-law and grandson.

Fred E. Thompson

When I came to Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in the fall of 1934, this was a school which would have served as a challenge for any aspiring young teacher. Among all the junior colleges of the State, Copiah-Lincoln was recognized as tops scholastically, musically, in all sports, and in school spirit. This I verified for myself as I directed the Glee Club and taught voice in those early years. Then as I met my husband on the faculty, married, bore a son, made a home and continued to live on the campus for the better part of forty-one years, she became a part of my life itself.

The early years are still the most memorable of my recollection of Co-Lin. Never before or since have I witnessed a greater display of school spirit and loyalty than that which permeated every phase of campus life. Nowhere was it more evident than at sports events. We almost raised the rafters off the "Old Gym" as we cheered our basketball teams on to victory, and at the football stadium our yells ascended to the skies as we urged our teams on to one State Championship after another.

Another characteristic of campus life in those days was a feeling of Christian fellowship, encouraged by attendance at worship services in the various churches of the community on Sunday mornings, by Wednesday evening prayer services and programs of the Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A., but most of all, I think, by the Sunday evening Vesper services, held for the students themselves in the auditorium of the "Old Academic" building. Here we sang songs of praise, heard words of wisdom expounded from the Bible, and shared in Christian communion which gave us strength and guidance for the week ahead.

In those days the voice students performed many services for people of the school district by singing in groups or individually for funerals, birthday parties, banquets, and occasions of all kinds. Three main features of the year for the Glee Club were: an annual Christmas program, the presentation in the spring of an operetta, and a tour in the spring to churches in the area where we gave religious programs on Sunday evenings. The large crowds which attended all these events were not entirely attributable to excellence of performance, for I must admit there were no TV's in those days to give us competition. But it

four decades at CLJC in various capacities

is still gratifying to remember full auditoriums as we presented the Christmas theme each year and the operettas of: **Sunbonnet Sue, Once in a Blue Moon, The Count and The Co-Ed, and Old Spanish Custom.** We also received an enthusiastic reception in the churches where we gave our religious programs, and I have often wondered if the ladies of the churches ever thought they were repaid for the many platters of delicious food they served to 35-50 hungry young people on these occasions.

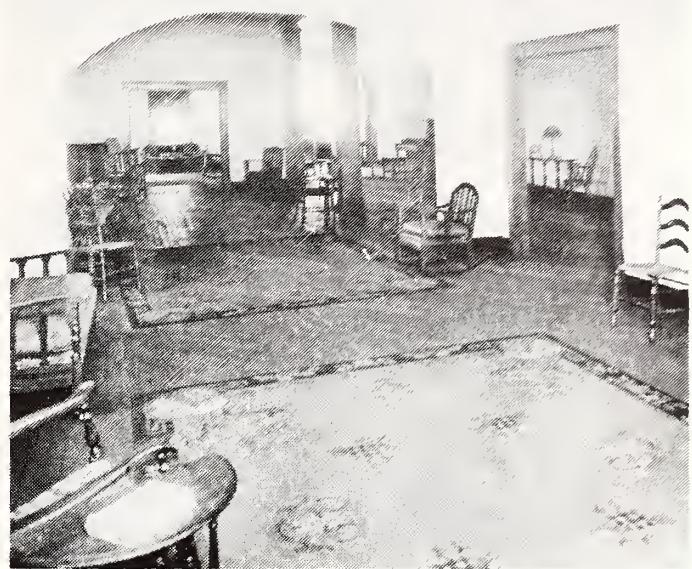
There were, of course, some slightly unpleasant duties such as being required to live in the dormitory with the girls, keeping study hall at night, putting the girls to bed, and making sure that all lights were out at 10 o'clock. Also weekend duty came around all too often, and kept one quite busy, for faculty and students alike were not allowed to go home except at the end of each 6-weeks term. This meant many couples on the campus for the weekend and most of them in the parlor at the girls' dorm.

In the spring of 1938 when I was married to a fellow faculty member, I lost my job, for married ladies were not then a welcome part of the faculty. However, I returned four times on a temporary basis, and when the attitude to married women teachers had completely reversed itself by 1952, I was again employed on a permanent basis in the mathematics department. In the interim I continued to assist my husband in the Bookstore and to substitute during the summer months for Miss Callender in the Dining Hall, while she took her summer vacation. Here I tried to carry on her tradition of feeding as much grits and potatoes as any one could want and dished out gallon after gallon of homemade ice cream to the boys working on the campus.

One of my temporary assignments was 1942-45 as teacher of all mathematics in high school and junior college, as I filled a Leave of Absence for the regular teacher who was away in war service. The fall session of 1942 gave me a group of young men in College Algebra and Trigonometry who were all aspiring to become pilots in the Air Force. Since they felt that these two subjects were most important for their future plans, they studied and worked as no other group of students I have ever known. Sad to say, before the semester was over, most of them were called into service and some never returned. One good feature was that during this time I lived in the Faculty House with a group of maiden ladies and other war widows and formed outstanding friendships which have remained strong to this day.

After the war Co-Lin never seemed to regain the exuberance and **joy de vivre** which had earlier been so much a part of us. Maybe we should say that as the years passed, the student body and faculty alike became more sophisticated.

Lena Wood Thompson (Mrs. F. E. Thompson)



Lobby of Stevens Hall in 1932

Early alumnus, Mrs. H. I. Mullican, supports Co-Lin today

By Phyllis Hayes

Mrs. H. I. Mullican, seventy-eight years of age, is a life-long resident of Wesson, Mississippi. Her husband, the late Mr. H. I. Mullican, was a graduate of the Co-Lin High School in 1916 of which he served as vice president of his class. Mrs. Mullican also graduated from Copiah-Lincoln High School in 1919.

Although Mrs. Nell Mullican is a retired music teacher, she remains very active in the Wesson Community. Her many contributions and honors are the following:

- (1) Organist and pianist of the First Baptist Church for approximately 45 years.
- (2) The oldest alumni of Co-Lin for the past 3 years.
- (3) "Women of the Year", by Gamma Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi
- (4) Active in Senior Citizens
- (5) World War I Veterans Association
- (6) Member of the Wesson Garden Club where she was winner of many flower awards.

Mrs. Mullican states that her biggest service in life is to repay her mother, her grandmother, and her first piano teacher, Mrs. Ella Rea (who still resides in Wesson), for their contributions in helping her (Mrs. Mullican) to contribute with her music studies and career of music.

Mrs. Mullican's philosophy of life is to live life to the fullest.

Oswalts: a Co-Lin family nearly 60 years;

By Zoula Strong

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oswalt in their lovely antique furnished home makes it very easy to recapture those memories of our schools' first years. On a cool, crisp fall afternoon, the breeze coming through those high ceiling rooms must feel like the ones they remember blowing across their screened-in porch in the dormitory where they lived most of their years at Co-Lin.

In those days, which Mrs. Oswalt often referred to as "Ancient History," all the teachers were required to live in the dormitories; even Mr. Russell Ellzey, who was the college president, and his family. "It wasn't so bad", said Mrs. Oswalt, with a little smile on her lips, "except you had to remember to be completely dressed every time you left your room. You see, we shared a hall bath, and everyone ate in the cafeteria together."

Mr. Oswalt chuckled and said that "dormitory life was a luxury after living in the mule barn". This was his first home at Co-Lin. When he came in 1920, the dormitory he was supposed to live in burned, and he had to live in the barn with the mules for six months while

"Dormitory life was a luxury after living in the mule barn." Frank Oswalt

the dormitory was rebuilt.

The Oswalts were married in 1922. Mr. Oswalt was teaching agriculture and coaching football at the Agricultural High School. Mrs. Oswalt began teaching study hall around 1926. "And we've been here about forty-leven years since", chimed Mr. Oswalt, with a humor they both enjoy.

When asked if they had special memories about those early years, Mrs. Oswalt remembered their having two or three banquets a

week when Mr. Ellzey was working to get the college approved by the counties. "He would travel all over the counties inviting people to come in, and we would have everything decorated and lots of good food when they came."

"The male students all had one day a month to work on the farm or either dig stumps to clean the land."

After the college was established, the male students all had one day a month to work on the farm or either dig stumps to clear the land. Workday assignments would be called out in the dorm early each morning instead of the day before, or they wouldn't study for classes.

The female students were also given work assignments. They had to wash dishes or wait on tables and serve meals in the family style cafeteria.

Rooms were inspected twice a day to make sure students were up in the morning and asleep at night. The rooms had to be neat and clean every morning.

Punishment could be extra work assignments or exercise. Mr. Oswalt recalled punishing a student by having him run laps around the dormitory. The student requested to run his laps at night, and Mr. Oswalt agreed. As the Oswalts were retiring that night, a voice called out, "I'm running professor", and each time he ran around, he affectionately let them know he was still out there. They weren't sure after that night who received the punishment.

A very important part of the Oswalts' life at Co-Lin were the two nieces and two nephews which they reared. The children were ages 2-9 when they came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Os-

still going strong

walt. They all lived in the dormitory in two rooms, a hall, and a porch. Mrs. Oswalt doesn't remember very many inconveniences, just a lot of fun with her children. Later, they bought the old Sandifer home which was close to the college, and would go there on weekends with the children.

When asked about the library, Mrs. Oswalt remembered how happy they were to move out of the one room they had into a beautiful new building. It had been her dream for so many years.

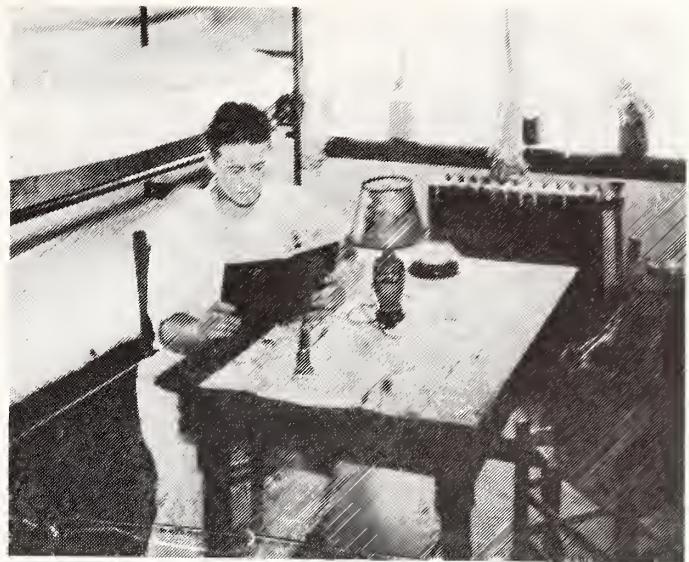
As the afternoon fades, and you walk through the beautiful gardens around the now restored old Sandifer home, this couple, still so full of the joy of living, sum up the memories by saying, "The dates are not important. What is important is that we love Co-Lin and enjoyed every year we were there."

The train passing through

By Keith McDaniel

Scenes from Copiah-Lincoln during the fifty years would not be complete without mentioning the Illinois Central trains, passing over tracks so close to the campus the buildings shake and windows rattle, so close to the REA Auditorium the assembly is interrupted, so close to the Fine Arts Building that passengers on Amtrak can read the "Maggie Flowers Ewing". Those trains, sometimes roaring through without stopping while at other times switching noisily, have carried passengers who gaped at electric lights at the cotton mills before the turn of the century and have carried those who hardly notice the small town. Trains, that passed through at the rate of twelve passenger trains a day many years ago, have now dwindled to two Amtrak passenger trains, both of which disdainfully fly by Wesson, not impressed by the small town that was once bustling with the largest cotton mill south of the Ohio River.

But one frosty night in October, 1976, the **Spirit of '76**, awash with silver in the moonlight, roared by, flags flying, and for the few brave students who got up to see it at 3 a.m. the sight brought them to their feet cheering for this great land, their school, their home - the indefinable feeling for America.



Boys' bedroom - Old Freshman Dorm
circa 1930

Mrs. Willie Smith: 'there were no teas or frills'

By Keith McDaniel

Although her husband, Willie Smith, served as president during the lean years of World War II, Mrs. Smith remembers often hearing him say he thoroughly enjoyed being president. But that optimism and joy was the fiber of his being. Willie was president when there were few male students, when there was no annual, no team. Nor were there any teas or other frills. No buildings were built, either, although BSU began on the campus. Willie never saw these tight days as problems, however; he was an optimist saying on rainy days that "the sun will be shining tomorrow". The war was more distressing to him as it affected his brothers -- one in a German prison camp and Grover, fighting with Patton.

The Smiths lived first in the boys' dormitory, when Janet was a little girl, then in a house built for them just off the campus. Before being president Willie had taught zoology and been registrar and academic dean. One day he told Edith, "I need a dark suit for a picture." She asked why he needed it. Then she found out: "I am going to be president."

After leaving Copiah-Lincoln until his death a few years ago, Mr. Smith kept his ties close - he did not teach anywhere but sold savings plans to people, always urging them to save so that their children could attend Co-Lin.

Phi Theta Kappa

Eta Omega chapter: over 25 years of service

By Durr Walker, Jr.

Phi Theta Kappa, the national junior college honorary scholastic fraternity, was organized in 1918 to promote scholarships, to develop character and to cultivate friendship among students in junior colleges over the United States. The Copiah-Lincoln chapter was founded in 1951 with Miss Lula Stevens as first faculty advisor. The chapter was chartered as Eta Omega.

In 1955 Miss Willie Mae Hamill became advisor to the group. Under Miss Hamill's leadership the organization flourished. Meetings were held twice a month and the chapter was represented at both state and national conventions.

In 1971 Durr Walker, Jr., was appointed associate advisor to the group and became head advisor upon Miss Hamill's death in 1973. In 1974, Eta Omega hosted the State Convention at Natchez. That year, the chapter president, Rosemary Owens, was elected state secretary.

In 1975 Eta Omega attended the Bicentennial PTK Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the awards banquet, the chapter was chosen one of the top ten chapters in the country. Also, Dr. Billy Bass Thames, president of Copiah-Lincoln, was recognized as one of six outstanding Alumni of Phi Theta Kappa.

In recent years the chapter has installed other chapters in Mississippi. Chapters at Southwest Mississippi Junior College at Summit and Copiah-Lincoln's Natchez Campus were chartered by our organization. Also in 1976 Eta Omega's President, Miss Joan Hammack, was elected Regional President and presided in Memphis at Regional Convention.

At its initiations, which are held each semester, Eta Omega has enjoyed some of the finest speakers around. Several speakers have been chosen to appear at national conventions, after Eta Omega's recommendations to the national office.



Miss Willie Mae Hamill, long-time sponsor of Eta Omega chapter, and Vickie Godbold in 1972.

In 1976 Mrs. Sharon Alexander was appointed associate advisor to the chapter. She has been a valuable aid in all areas of the fraternity's functionings.

Since its beginning, Eta Omega chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has been an integral part and an influential factor in Copiah-Lincoln's history. The chapter has been in existence for over one-half of Co-Lin's years of service. Through the years many fine young men and women have helped make PTK at Copiah-Lincoln the great organization it is.

Chairman of 1928 reunion

Doris Ball Green, active CLJC supporter

By Nancy Dykes

Doris Ball -- "In gentle looks and talents rare, none can surpass and few compare." Quate from the 1928 Co-Lin annual.

Doris Ball Green has always been an active supporter of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. She even worked to get the junior college started! Mrs. Green states, "In working to get the junior college, I think I made every trip that was made to schools and churches in Copiah and Lincoln counties, sometimes giving the devotional and accompanying, but most often singing."

When the junior college was established in 1928, Mrs. Green became a member of the Girls Quartette, was pianist for the orchestra, president of Girl Reserves, voted Most Influential and Most Talented, and was a main character in **The Mikado**.

In 1929, again she was president of Girl Reserves, a member of Girls Trio, chosen Miss Copiah-Lincoln, and played the part of the mother opposite Frank Pitts in **The Whole Town's Talking**.

Since 1929, Mrs. Green has been president of the Co-Lin Alumni Association and was chosen co-Alumnus of the Year in 1974.

She has been married to Ernest Green of Hazlehurst for forty-seven years, and they have three girls: Esther (Mrs. E. J. Connors, Westerville, Ohio), Martha (Mrs. James E. Matthews, Houma, Louisiana, and Rachel (Mrs. Gene Milford, Houma, Louisiana). The Greens have ten grandchildren.

Mrs. Green furthered her education at Whitworth Junior College and received an A.A. degree in 1931. In 1959, she received a B.M.E. degree from Southern; in 1964, she received a M.M.E. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi; and in 1973, she received an AAA certificate which included study at Columbia University Teachers College, Ithaca College, New York, and a "Study Abroad" tour at the

Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Numerous honors in education have been received by Mrs. Green. She is past president of the Theta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma and holds memberships in Kappa Delta Pi and Mu Phi Epsilon. She was chosen "Queen of the Graduate Music School" at the University of Southern Mississippi. Also, having taught piano, voice, and public school music in Copiah county thirty-three years, she serves as a clinician for the International Piano Teaching Foundation.

An active member of the Hazlehurst United Methodist Church, Mrs. Green has been a delegate to the Mississippi Annual Conference, has taught a Sunday School class, has served as district secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and has been choir director for many years and part-time church secretary.

Her state activities include these: appointments by the governor to serve on the Textbook Commission to choose state textbooks and the State Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens. Other activities are a patron of the arts, a board member of the Jackson Music Association, and a member of the Salvation Army.

As an avid traveler, Mrs. Green has traveled extensively in America, Canada, Mexico and Europe. Once she climbed North Cape, and she has taken a Caribbean cruise, including Venezuela. She is a member of the National Campers and Hikers Association and the Good Sam Club.

She also enjoys nature photography "especially flowering plants," sewing, crocheting, knitting, reading, and musical composition, "when the spirit moves me," she states.

Truly Mrs. Green enjoys life to the fullest and has contributed much to her family, church, state, and Copiah-Lincoln Junior College throughout the years.

Wesson's educational interest

By Nancy Dykes

The people of Wesson have always been interested in education. During the years of the mills, early education for the children of Wesson was in private schools. The first public school building was a two-room frame building erected in 1875. The public school was the pride of the town. It is not fully known what part the mills played in education, but the financial status enabled the community to provide exceptional opportunity for its young people. In 1900, Wesson High School was one of the accredited high schools in Mississippi, and at one time, had the rank of second highest in Mississippi. Education was of such importance to the people of Wesson that when the state of Mississippi contemplated the building of a college for Women in 1884, they vied for its location as there were some fourteen hundred young women in residence, working at the Mississippi mills. The town raised a \$10,000 bonus and secured a site, but the town was passed by and the school was located at Columbus.

Mr. R. L. Landis began promoting the idea of an agricultural high school which would benefit the community by educating the young people to become more efficient in farm management and to provide for those who planned to enter college. Enthusiastic interest was much in evidence on September 6, 1915, when the first session of the Copiah-Lincoln Agricultural High School began and later on June 1, 1928, when an election providing for a \$150,000.00 bond issue resulted in a more than ten to one decision in favor of the junior college.

The junior college was accredited for one year of college work by the Mississippi Junior College Accrediting Commission in 1929 and for two years of work in 1930. Full accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools was received in 1936 and has been maintained since that time. The people of Wesson have continued to offer strong support to their junior college.

Just recently the people of Wesson actively supported a bond issue to build a new high school. Wesson High School to be located adjacent to the Wesson Elementary School is scheduled to open for the 1979-80 school session.

Without doubt the people of Wesson will continue to take pride in their educational institutions.

As stated in the Co-Lin Catalog, 1929-30, "Co-Lin is proud of the fact that it is located in one of the finest communities to be found in this wonderful southland."

The sacrifices and contributions of the many who made these institutions a reality will still pay dividends as future educational strides are unselfishly undertaken for the betterment of the community.



1974 saw the Wolves travel to the National Junior College Athletic Association's national basketball finals in Hutchinson, Kansas, where they placed 11th in the nation. Coach M. K. Turk, now at USM, accepted the trophy on behalf of the team.





*Baseball's still a popular
Co-Lin sport*

Projections for Co-Lin's future

By Phyllis Hayes

Copiah-Lincoln Junior College is located in Wesson, Mississippi, and will continue to grow both in enrollment and in the building program on the Co-Lin Campus. The most pressing need in the building program is the construction of a student union building which will begin early in 1979. Also a new library and dormitories are in the building plans for the Co-Lin Campus.

In Natchez, Mississippi, an entirely new facility will be constructed. The Board of Trustees has approved three (3) major buildings on the campus located on Beltline Road South of Natchez on Highway 61. The buildings are a classroom building, library, and administration building. The plans are to place Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, the University of Southern Mississippi, and Alcorn State University together at one campus.

As always in the past, the future of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College will still provide the student with quality education at a minimal cost. The junior college will continue to provide equal opportunity and education for all those who enter the halls of learning of this institution. Students will find flexible programs, excellent instruction, minimal financial cost, and close proximity to home as major factors in selecting the junior college as their choice of colleges.

N. B. White recalls past homecomings

By Sharon Alexander

A more affable gentleman than N. B. White cannot be found. As retired principal of the Wesson Elementary School, Mr. White still continues to be a busy person. He is a Sunday School teacher, member of the Wesson Lion's Club, Mayor of Beauregard, Mississippi, enthusiastic supporter of the Co-Lin Wolves, and grandfather of Katrina and Hollis Cowen III. His gracious wife, Catherine, supports him in all his varied activities.

Of his twenty-nine years spent living in Wesson, Mr. White well remembers two Copiah-Lincoln Homecomings which were especially exciting and unique to him.

Unquestionably, the best year of all to N. B. White was in 1964. The Wesson Elementary

School Band performed at halftime and received a standing ovation. They had already performed several times that day in other nearby towns. Also lending to the excitement of the day was the parade which featured festive floats and displays provided by clubs and schools. And despite the busy day, the football team was recognized, adding to the enjoyment of all those present for homecoming. As one can well imagine, a good time was had by all at Co-Lin Homecoming, 1964.

It was Homecoming, 1969, and a large and genial crowd returned. Bob Anderson was President of the Alumni Association. Bob donated a calf which was given away at halftime and the winner was selected by a chance drawing. The recipient? Lucky Ray Albritton of Hazlehurst!

Early faculty show early leaders

Compiled by Nancy Dykes

Faculty 1928-29

Mr. L. Russell Ellzey	Superintendent
Mrs. L. Russell Ellzey	Secretary
Mr. James W. Ewing	Principal
Mrs. Maggie F. Ewing	Mathematics, Voice
Mrs. Kate Barlow	Matron
Miss Cleo Holman	Domestic Science
Miss Katherine Strait	Spanish, Latin, Chemistry
Miss Velma Little	Domestic Art
Miss Alice Toy Johnson	History
Miss Alice Barlow	History, Coach
Mrs. Frank Oswalt	Hall Teacher
Miss Mary Sinclair	English, Education, Algebra
Miss Lillie Mae Covington	Mathematics, Latin
Mr. W. B. Horton	Science
Miss Mary M. Thompson	Commercial
Miss Lula Stevens	English
Mr. H. L. Stone	Coach, Agriculture
Miss Eliza Blue	Piano
Miss Katie Lois Stevens	English
Miss Mildred Davis	Expression, Physical Education

Faculty 1929-30

L. Russell Ellzey	Superintendent
J. M. Ewing	Assistant Superintendent
Lula Stevens	Dean of Women, English
W. B. Horton	Dean of Men, Social Science
Hook Stone	Coach, Agriculture
Virginia Felder	Mathematics
Ruby Evans	Mathematics
Mary M. Thompson	Commercial Branches
Cleo Holman	Home Economics
Genevieve Stout	Science
Oscar Autritt	Languages
Mrs. Frank Oswalt	Hall, Librarian
Mrs. J. M. Ewing	Voice, Public School Music
Hilda Carruth	English
Virginia Pepper	Education, Psychology
Willie Smith	Science
Fay White	Latin, English
Jessye Shamburger	History
Evelyn Bramlett	English
Claudia McCain	Piano
Gertrude Smith	Dramatics, Physical Education
Elise Weathersby	Home Economics, History
C. B. Hamilton	Bookkeeper
Fannie Callender	Dietitian
Mrs. Kate Barlow	Nurse, Matron Boys' Dormitory
Dr. J. H. Beavers	Physician

Charter Sports Hall of Fame—

Seven to be inducted

Seven individuals will be inducted in Copiah-Lincoln's first annual Sports Hall of Fame during the 50th anniversary homecoming.

Chosen for inclusion are Mrs. Mattie Wallace Barton, Harry R. "Moon" Mullins, C. W. "Bill" Steadman, the late H. L. "Hook" Stone, Robert W. "Bobby" Thames, Walter R. "Polie" Sullivan, and Charlie L. Ward.

Mattie Wallace Barton, who attended CLJC from 1928-1930, as a freshman was voted most valuable player in the state tournament and returned to coach the women in 1935-1937. She furthered her education at the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Alabama, receiving a bachelor's and a master's degree. A native of Lincoln County, she was a classroom teacher for 37 years, having served nearly five years as a high school basketball coach, six and a half years at Co-Lin and Hinds as basketball and track coach for women, winning the state championship two years in basketball.

Mullins, a 1932 Co-Lin High School graduate and a 1934 junior college graduate, was inducted into Mississippi State's Hall of Fame in 1976. He lettered in football, basketball and track while a CLJC student. Captain of the 1933 football team, he was named All State and was a member of three state championship teams. A MSU graduate, he lettered in boxing where he won the National Intercollegiate Heavyweight Boxing Championship, the National Golden Gloves Champion in 1938, Southeastern Conference Champion in 1936-37, and the Southern Heavyweight Professional Championship in 1938, along with "lesser titles".

Steadman, who attended Co-Lin from 1932-34, lettered in football, baseball and track. He played end on the 1932 state championship team and played fullback on the 1933 state championship team under the winning coach, Hook Stone. He graduated from Mississippi State University where he lettered in football and baseball and was football captain in 1937. He was an honorable mention for All American Fullback and has been active in MSU sports programs since. He is presently with the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Comptroller.

The late Coach H. L. "Hook" Stone, a Co-Lin legend by virtue of the fact his football teams won state championships nine of eleven years, came to Co-Lin in the summer of 1927, serving as athletic director, trainer, and coach of football, basketball, and baseball. He also managed the farm and dairy and taught agriculture and physical education and even managed the dining hall for the

working athletes during the summer. A charter member of the Mississippi State University Sports Hall of Fame and the Millsaps College Sports Hall of Fame, he was also named to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. He coached 27 years in Mississippi high schools, junior and senior colleges. Stone sent more than 130 boys to play on senior college teams, approximately one half to Southeastern Conference or equivalent conferences. His own athletic accomplishments during high school and college read like an All-American list.

A native of Magee, Thames now resides in Jackson where he has been associated with the Farmers Home Administration. A 1934 CLJC graduate, he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. He was named All State for two years, captain and All State for 1933's basketball team and a member of 1932 and 1933's state football championship teams. A MSU graduate, he is a member of the university's Sports Hall of Fame and a former president of both the MSU Alumni Association and the MSU Alumni "M" Club Association, the only alumnus ever so honored by both offices. Thames, like the other charter members of Co-Lin's Sports Hall of Fame, has won many honors during the years.

Sullivan, a 1931 graduate, lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track, and was All State in football and basketball for three years and voted best athlete in 1929-30. Born in Copiah County at Dentville, he entered Co-Lin A.H.S. in 1927 as a junior and was coached by Hook Stone. He graduated from Louisiana State University where he lettered in football, and track and was named most valuable player in football, caught the longest pass ever completed on Tiger Field, 65 yards. He was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 1974. Sullivan was coach at East Central Junior College from 1937-1942 and then worked as county agent in Holmes County for 28 years. Co-Lin's baseball field is named in his honor.

Ward, a 1938 graduate, lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. He was captain of the basketball team and an All State guard in 1938, captain and All State quarterback on the state championship football team, also in 1938. He was active in campus life at Co-Lin and at Millsaps College where he was named to the Sports Hall of Fame in 1968. After college graduation, Ward became a professional basketball player and was a member of Number One Team in the United States in 1945, according to Dunkel Rating System. He, like the others, has been active in many service, business and professional organizations during the years.

Students stroll through the Natchez campus during the fall quarter of 1973, the first year the campus was located at its present site.



CLJC Natchez campus continues to grow!

Co-Lin's Natchez campus was formally established with the opening of the 1972-73 fall quarter. Prior to that time, freshman and sophomore level courses were offered by the University of Southern Mississippi at its Natchez Resident Center. The initial enrollment at Co-Lin Natchez in 1972 was 433 students. Present enrollment figures exceed 1200 students each year.

The Natchez campus offers the first two years of instruction in academic fields included in the divisions of business; health, physical education, and recreation; humanities; science and mathematics; and social science, including elementary and secondary education. Programs in vocational and technical education and police science are also available.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith is dean of instruction on campus, presently located in Washington, just outside Natchez.

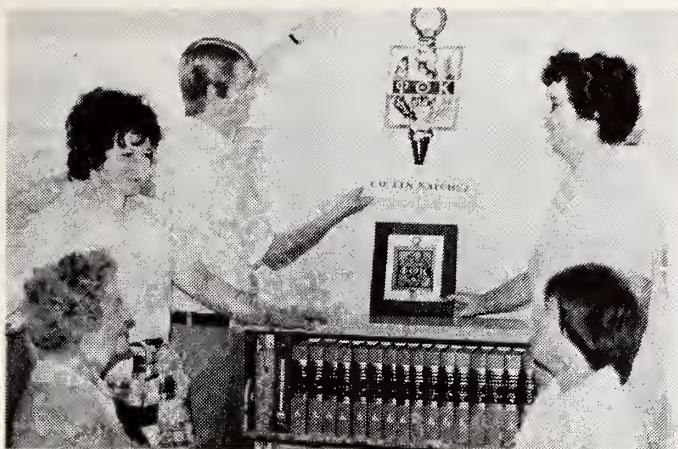
Present plans call for the construction of a joint CLJC/USM Natchez campus.



Pamela Huff and Burk White made history at CLJC/Natchez campus when they were selected as the first Mr. and Miss Copiah-Lincoln Natchez in 1974.



Registration during 1973's fall quarter witnessed students seeing the present campus for the first time.



The present campus, occupied since 1973, is shown, along with charter members of Alpha Alpha Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on the Natchez campus. Shown are Mrs. Mathilde Jungling, co-sponsor; Carolyn Harper; James Pippen, Betty Faulkenberry, and Scott Little.

Alumni recall days spent at CLJC

By Edna Earle Crews

No matter where they now live, scattered over the United States like acorns from an oak tree, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College alumni keep a special place in their hearts for their memories of days spent in Wesson.

These memories range from scholarly lectures in Miss Weems' to Miss Hammil's classrooms to lively discussions in Mrs. Harvey's or Mr. Fortenberry's classrooms. Former students also recall hours spent in the grill, at football games, in labs, in the auditorium for chapel, and in the library.

Vera Beatrice Allen Martin of Baker, La., has one of the earliest and a special memory of Copiah-Lincoln. Vera Beatrice Allen was the first student to receive a diploma from this junior college in 1930. Mrs. Martin praises Co-Lin for "her opportunity at Copiah-Lincoln enhanced her life as well as the lives of her four children, all with one or more college degrees . . .".

Another Co-Lin graduate, who credits her student job in the registrar's office with making her education possible, is Dr. Gene Ramsey Miller of Greenwood. Mrs. Miller, the mother of four children, was once "kidded" by an Ole Miss professor about having come from a small junior college. Mrs. Miller came back with, "I might have received my degree from Ole Miss, but I got my education at Co-Lin!". She believes that, "Copiah-Lincoln played a role in shaping me and in opening 'doors of opportunity.' "

Frank Higdon, who lives in Hazlehurst and is self-employed, remembers his days in class and on campus, but he especially remembers having to walk with the night watchman. It seems that Mr. F. M. Fortenberry,

then dean of men, sometimes asked Frank and his friend, Billy, to walk with the night watchman. Higdon, the father of four children, recalls his major teachers as Miss Weems, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Causy, Mr. Fortenberry, and Miss Hammil.

Janice Mooney Mullins, the mother of three boys, recalls the friends she made at Copiah-Lincoln. These are her fondest memories about her years here. She believes that her experiences at Co-Lin helped to prepare her for her adult life as a wife, mother and homemaker.

Dot Ainsworth Day and Charles Day share a common memory about Copiah-Lincoln for it was on campus that they met and began their life together. Living in Crystal Springs with their two young children, Charles has a position with Kuhlman Electric and Dot is a counselor at the Mississippi Job Corps.

Joe and Joy Patterson, who have been members of Co-Lin's Alumni Association for eleven consecutive years, live in Jackson. Their loyalty, typical of many former students, reflects their interest and love for Copiah-Lincoln. Joe has served as alumni president working especially hard to strengthen the ties of the school with its alumni.

From Edwin H. Lewis in Concord, California, to Bobby Templett in Greensboro, North Carolina, to Hal Ellis III in Virginia Beach Virginia, and to Fran Christensen in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, memories of a time and place in a small southern junior college remain alive and permanent through five decades.

Natchez, Wesson campuses share in common interests

By Burlian Walker

Created as a branch center in 1972, Copiah-Lincoln's Natchez campus is now a co-equal campus by a special act of the state legislature.

Life for the students at Co-Lin/Natchez is similar to but not exactly like life at Co-Lin/Wesson. One immediate difference is that the Natchez campus has no dormitories. The other basic difference is that the campus is operated on a quarter system instead of the semester system.

The Natchez campus student, however, does have many of the same opportunities as do the students on the Wesson campus. Hall of Fame members are chosen, along with Mr. and Miss Copiah-Lincoln and favorites, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, class officers, and two maids in the homecoming court.

Clubs and activities on the Natchez campus include Phi Theta Kappa; the Trillium staff; Co-Lin/N Sights newspaper; Refractions staff, literary magazine; Circle K; Student Government Association; and the community choir, composed not only of students but also of patrons in the community.

Students enjoy tennis, golf, badminton, ping pong, and other sports on team and individual levels.

The students are subject to basically the same rules and regulations as their Wesson counterparts. A separate dean and student government organization lead the campus.

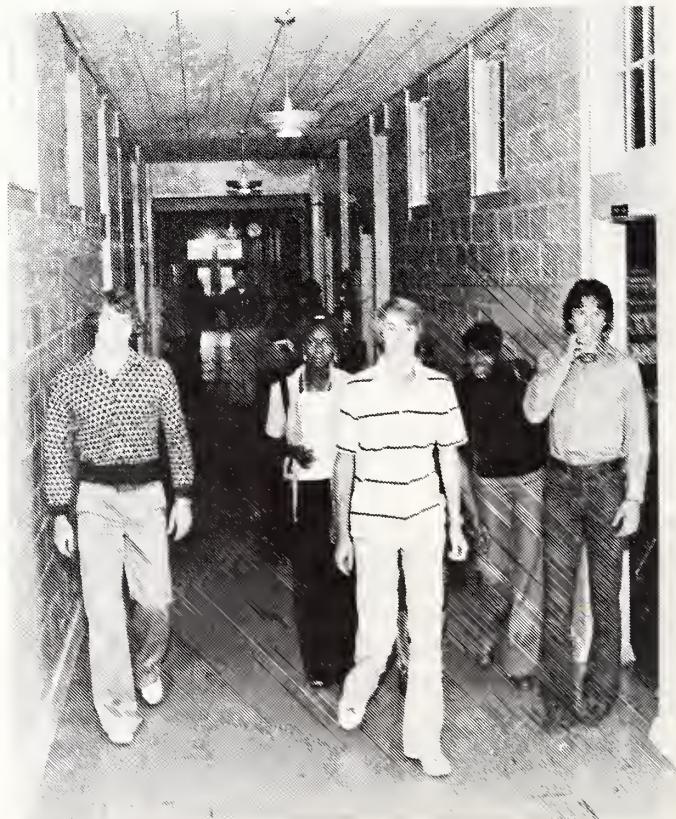
The Natchez campus Hall of Fame was initiated in 1977-78 with two chosen. Joan Holland ('78) is enrolled part-time in classes at Co-Lin/Natchez, while Denise Moreland ('78) is enrolled at USM/Natchez.

Within the very next few years, the Natchez campus will share a site with the University of Southern Mississippi and Alcorn State University on Belt Line Road, south of Natchez. Funds are currently being designated for construction of various buildings on the Natchez campus, to include, an administration building, library, and academic building, with plans for space for vocational-technical trades to be added.



Early campus scenes . . .

Natchez



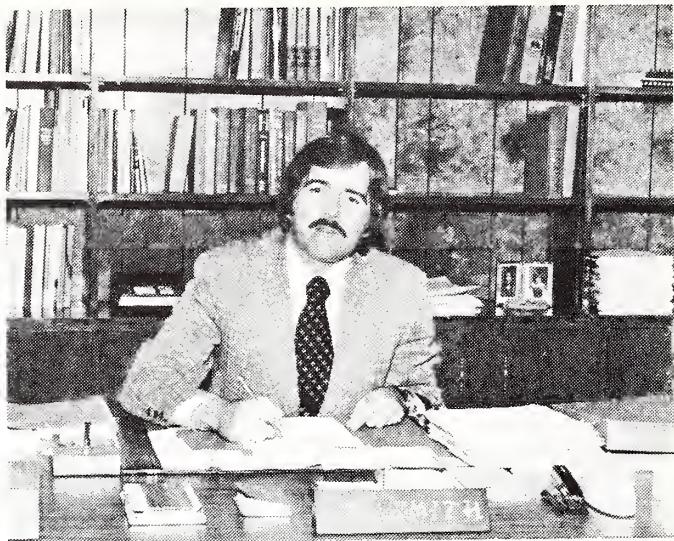


Students at Co-Lin/Natchez show pride in their campus, but with hopes of a permanent home in the future. At right, a student enjoys a game of pool during the 1974-75 year. At the bottom are members of the Natchez Campus Community Choir, taken in 1974-75. The group is constantly in demand in the Natchez area for programs before many groups. Wayne Saxon is director.



Scenes of Natchez campus in 1974-75





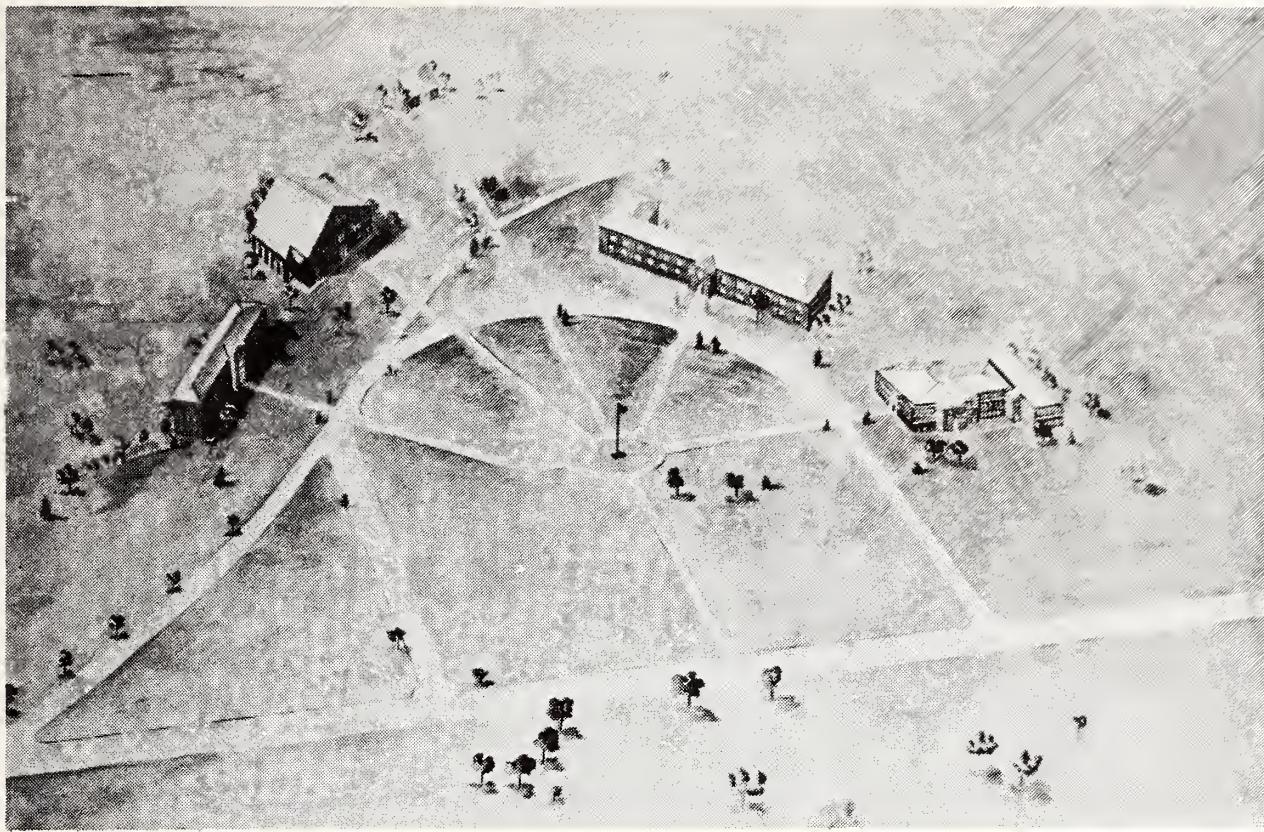
Dr. Eddie M. Smith serves as dean of instruction for Copiah-Lincoln Natchez.



Co-Lin students at Natchez remember the first bus given to the campus, early strolls between buildings, and a special game of ping pong in the Hob Nob.

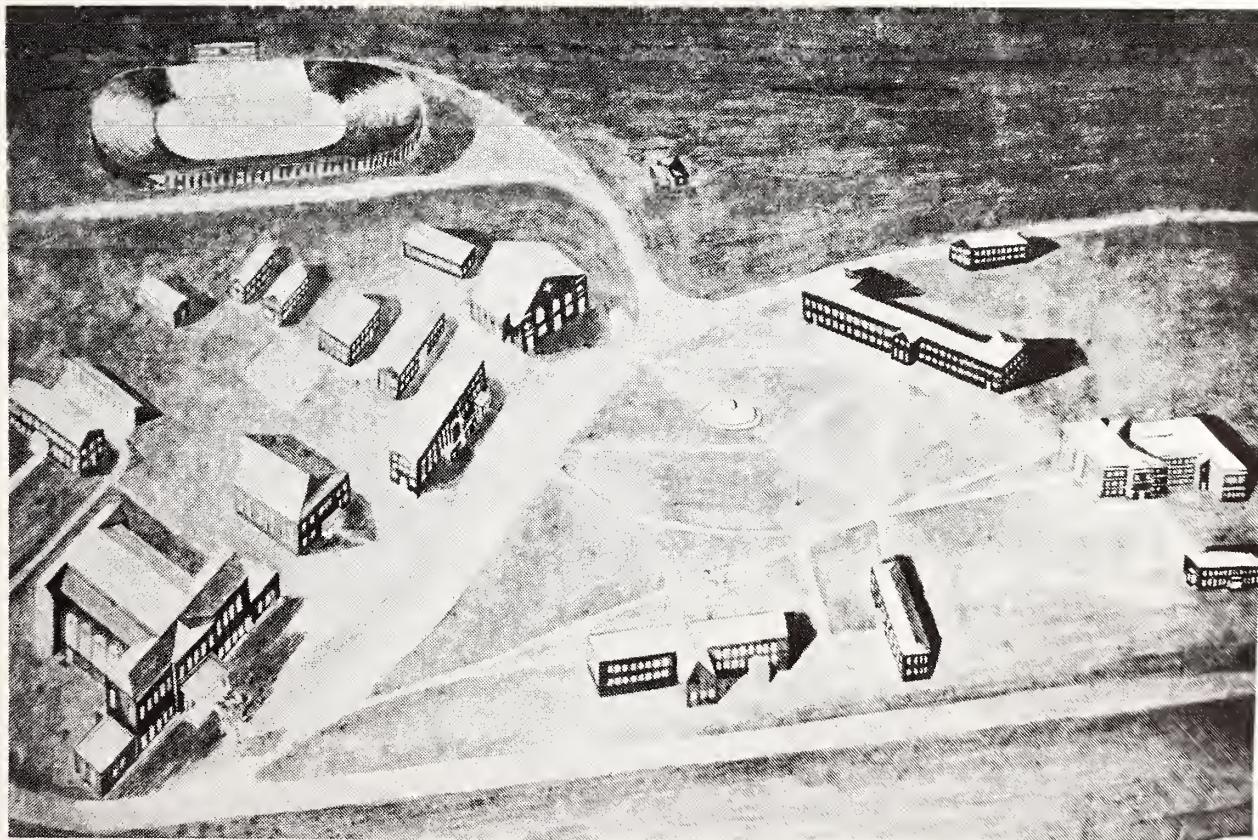
Natchez campus reflects years as counterpart





COPIAH-LINCOLN - 1928

Left to right, women's dorm, gym-cafeteria, president's home, men's dorm, academic bldg.

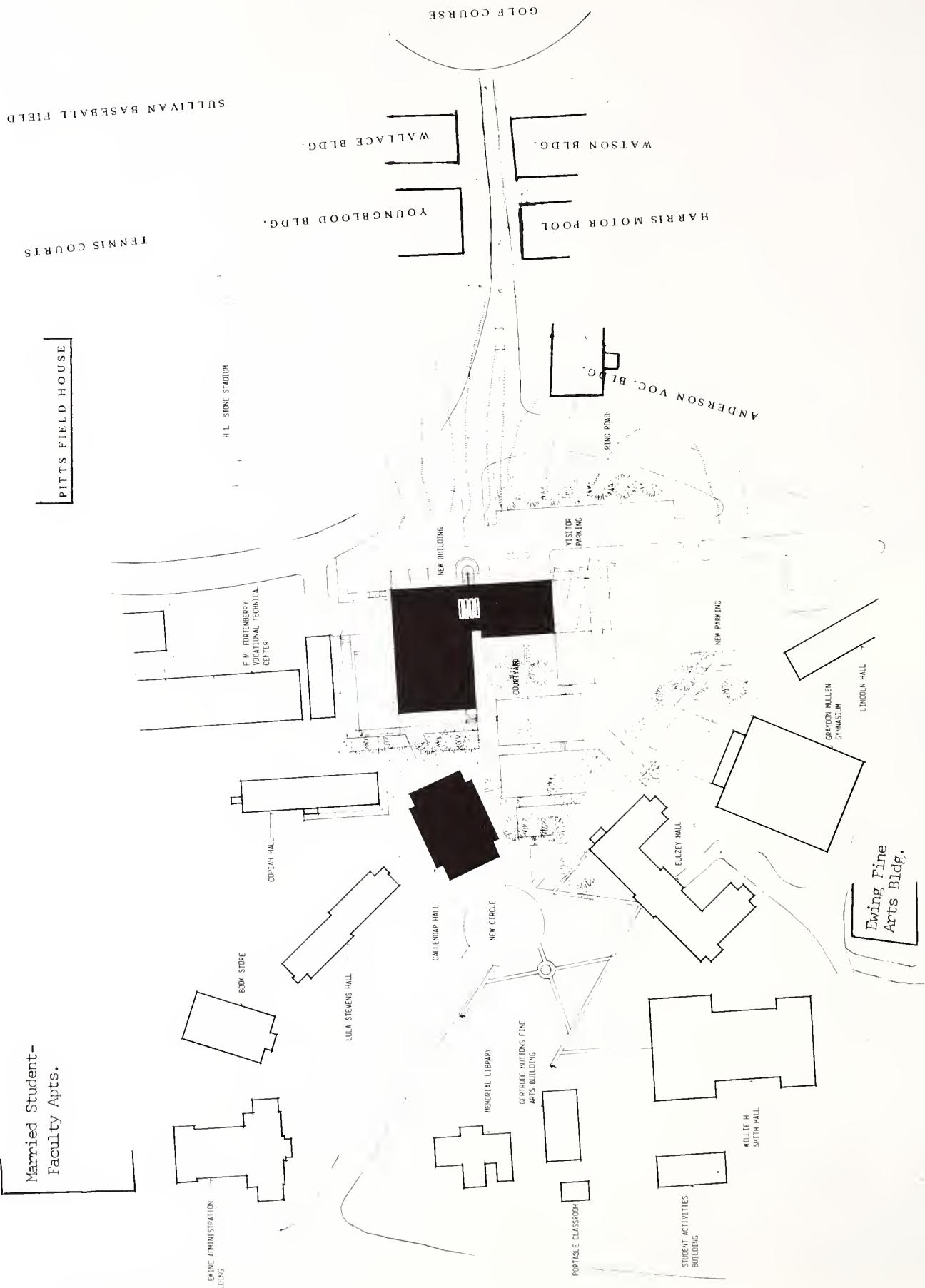


COPIAH-LINCOLN - 1953

Major additions included administration bldg., bookstore, library, music bldg., 2 dorms, faculty house, vocational bldgs., stadium.

Married Student-Faculty Apts.

PITTS FIELD HOUSE



COPIAH-LINCOLN - 1978
(Dark area shows planned student center-cafeteria)

